

WORSHIP NOTES • September 11, 2011

Disciples: People of Generosity
2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:6-15

Joining Our Church. Membership is an important step in your spiritual journey. All individuals and families who would like to join the church are asked to meet with one of our pastors prior to joining so that we may help you find a place within our church community where you will be nourished and challenged to grow in your Christian life. To schedule a pastoral meeting, please contact either Rev. Julie McKenna at 758-6514 or jmckenna@germantownumc.org; or Rev. Gail Bruno at 758-6510 or gbruno@germantownumc.org.

Children's Ministries. Grace Place (a rotation model Sunday School) is offered for children in Sr. K through 5th grades at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. and is located in the education building (south of sanctuary). We offer a safe, positive, nurturing learning environment for children that seeks to establish a firm foundation for their spiritual growth. In addition, we offer seasonal events for families and friends, and short-term small group courses on Wednesday evenings. Contact Janelle Crist at 758-6525 or jcrist@germantownumc.org; or Shelley Haines at 758-6512 or shaines@germantownumc.org.

Nursery and Preschool. We provide well-supervised, fun-filled classes for infants through Jr. K during all worship services. The preschool suite is located on the Sanctuary level off the north side of the narthex. We utilize a paging system to maintain contact with parents, if needed. Contact Angie Hopper at 356-9600 (hopsHOME@earthlink.net).

Student Ministries. Germantown Student Ministries provides a complete program for Junior and Senior High students, grades 7-12. This includes a weekly entry level program on Sunday nights, small groups during the school year, mission opportunities throughout the year, and various other trips, retreats, and fellowship activities. Trek Sunday School for students in grades 7-12 meets at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. downstairs in the lower level across from the old chapel. Questions? Contact Jason Baker, Director of Student Ministries, at 758-6515 or jbaker@germantownumc.org.

Older Adult Ministries. There are many opportunities for adults age 55 and older to be active and involved at GUMC. The Older Adult Council sponsors a monthly Brown Bag Lunch series about relevant topics of interest to seniors. The XYZs take monthly nominally priced day trips to places of interest in the greater Memphis area. For more information call Luci Cromer at 755-0803 or luci2@comcast.net. There are also many opportunities for service to the older adults of our church family. For more information contact Beverly Rhoads at 754-7216, or brhoads@germantownumc.org.

Adult Ministries. Through Christian education we are inspired and challenged to know and experience God, claim and live the promises of God, and grow and serve as Christian disciples. We offer a variety of adult Sunday School classes. Adult Sunday School classes meet at 8:30 a.m., 9:40 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. A complete list of classes is available at the Welcome Center. If you would like help in finding a Sunday School that best suits your needs, contact Rev. Rebecca Luter at 754-7216 or rluter@germantownumc.org. In addition, we encourage you to participate in studies offered throughout the week. For information on class offerings, check the Ministry Events, website, or contact Marian Carruth at 754-7216 or mcarruth@germantownumc.org.

The Health and Recreation Ministry of GUMC offers an exciting array of activities through the year for children and adults, both members and non-members. These include exercise classes, personal training, massage therapy, pickleball, karate, and team sports. For more information call the Owings Life Enrichment Center at 753-3100 or check the website for a complete list of class offerings.

Women's Ministries. The women of GUMC invite you to join them in their journey of spiritual growth and encouraging, loving friendships. Through Circle meetings, Bible studies, and luncheons, we encourage women to find their place of service. For more information call Pat Gill at 756-8151 or jamesbo429@bellsouth.net.

Men's Ministries. The United Methodist Men meet for breakfast on the second Saturday of each month (September through May). There are also several men's prayer groups that meet on a regular basis. Contact Rev. Jack Henton at 754-7216 or jhenton@germantownumc.org.

Missions. We believe missions include spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and serving others in His name. If you would like some help finding your special place of service, contact John Phillips at john.phillips@fedex.com.

Congregational Care. The mission of Congregational Care is to provide timely and effective pastoral care to our sick, bereaved, and all in need through professional staff and lay volunteers. Contact Rev. Gail Bruno at 758-6510 or gbruno@germantownumc.org.

Weekday Preschool. Our preschool provides a loving, nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment for children (ages 9 months-5 years) to grow to their fullest potential emotionally, socially, spiritually, physically, and cognitively. For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact Susan Bryant at 753-3109 or email preschool@germantownumc.org.

Music Ministries. From Children's Choirs beginning at age 3, the youth choir and handbells, to our Adult Chancel Choir and handbells, we are committed to excellence in music and worship. Contact Jim Thrash at 758-6526 or email jthrash@germantownumc.org.

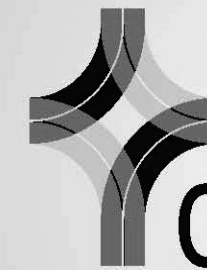
The McVay Counseling Center at Germantown UMC provides high quality, affordable counseling from a Christian perspective for our church family and the community. For information or to schedule an appointment, contact Dr. Dewaine Rice at 758-6523, drice@germantownumc.org; Christina Burns at 758-6524, ctburns@bellsouth.net; or Dr. Bill Walker at 756-7666.

The sermon text and video are available each Monday
on our website at germantownumc.org.

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Germantown United Methodist Church

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discipleship

seeking to be like Christ

**“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”**

John Wesley, Founder of Methodism 1703-1791

Entrance

8:30, 9:40 and 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* STANLEY SEXTON

INTROIT *Praise Him* COURTNEY
Ann Lowery and Natalie Duncan

WELCOME AND REMEMBRANCE

***AN ACT OF PRAISE ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11**
adapted from Psalm 46

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,

People: A very present help in trouble.

Leader: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

People: Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam,

People: Though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

People: The most holy habitation of the most high.

Leader: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

People: God will help it when the morning dawns.

Leader: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks and the earth melts.

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.**

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord;

People: See what desolations he has brought on the earth.

Leader: The Lord makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

People: God breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; God burns the shields with fire.

Leader: Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**The word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.**

Proclamation and Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

RESPONSE Ben Kemker; Piper (from the narthex)

A LITANY OF GENEROSITY

Please respond to each invocation by praying: **Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

To acknowledge you as the giver of all good gifts...

To share the gifts you have given to us...

To give without counting the cost...

To share without expecting something in return...

To be wise in the way of caring for ourselves and others...

To align our life, love and time according to Gospel priorities...

To be gracious and cheerful in our giving...

To know the freedom that comes with true generosity...

To be happy having what we need and to be wise enough to know what we want but do not need...

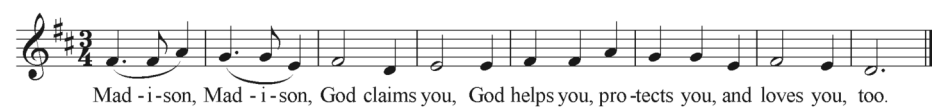
To accept our talents, whether many or few, and to use them in service of the Kingdom...

ANTHEM *Come Flood This Heart of Mine* DAVID LANTZ
Chancel Choir; Ilace Mears, violin

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

Madison Grace Holmes, daughter of Mark and Jenny Holmes

With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Madison, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in that way that leads to life eternal.



A TIME FOR CHILDREN (9:40 and 11:00 a.m.)

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:6-15

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God;

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church;

to celebrate God's presence.

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

OFFERTORY *Come All Christians, Be Committed* ARR. CRAIG DUNCAN

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise him, all creatures here below

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***HYMN OF PREPARATION 87** *What Gift Can We Bring*

SERMON **Disciples: People of Generosity** Rev. Jack Henton

Going Forth

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN 438** *Forth In Thy Name*

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go

To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;

Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,

That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* ARR. HAL HOPSON

Liturgists: 8:30 a.m.—Rev. Gail Bruno; 9:40 a.m.—Rev. Julie McKenna;
11:00 a.m.—Rev. Rebecca Luter

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers that grace our sanctuary this morning are placed

- In honor of the Friends In Faith Sunday School class for “always being there.”
Given by a grateful recipient of their love and friendship.