

## WORSHIP NOTES • September 18, 2011

*Disciples: People Who Serve*

Matthew 25:14-30

**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](mailto:jcrist@germantownumc.org); or Shelley Haines at 758-6512 or [shaines@germantownumc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:preschool@germantownumc.org).

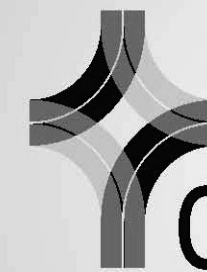
**Music Ministries.** From Children's Choirs beginning at age 3, the youth choir and handbells, to our Adult Chancel Choir and handbells, we are committed to excellence in music and worship. Contact Jim Thrash at 758-6526 or email [jthrash@germantownumc.org](mailto:jthrash@germantownumc.org).

**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](mailto:drice@germantownumc.org); Christina Burns at 758-6524, [cturns@bellsouth.net](mailto:cturns@bellsouth.net); or Dr. Bill Walker at 756-7666.

The sermon text and video are available each Monday  
on our website at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org).

# Germantown United Methodist Church

September 18, 2011



# discipleship

seeking to be like Christ

**“His master replied,**

**“Well done, good and faithful servant!**

**You have been faithful with a few things;**

**I will put you in charge of many things.**

**Come and share your master's happiness!”**

**Matthew 25:23 (NIV)**

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Rev. Richard Smith, Senior Pastor

## Entrance

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

PRELUDE *Voluntary on Duke Street* ROBERT HEBBLE

INTROIT *To the Lord our God Everlasting* FOOTE

WELCOME AND GREETING

\*OPENING HYMN 100 *God Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us*  
Verses 1-4

LITANY

Leader: We gather today to share our time and talents,

**All: we give thanks for this opportunity to share our God-given gifts with others.**

Leader: When we benefit from those who shared their treasure to build this church,

**All: we give thanks for generous hearts and the abundance of life in Christ.**

Leader: When we serve the aging that often feel alone and forgotten,

**All: we give thanks for the wisdom of age and cherished memories of days gone by.**

Leader: When we serve to support families that are struggling to break the cycles of homelessness, poverty and domestic violence,

**All: we give thanks that God is always with us.**

Leader: When we serve to build homes for those who seek affordable housing,

**All: we give thanks for a place to call home.**

Leader: When we serve the children of our church and community,

**All: we give thanks for Christ's example to love and nurture our children and to invite them to draw closer to Him.**

Leader: When we embrace the opportunity to be caring and loving people,

**All: we give thanks for the call to love one another as Christ loved us.**

Leader: Lord God, may your Holy Spirit work through us so we may share your love, hope and promise with those who need it most. Use us today to care for our community. Uphold those whom we serve. Reveal to us how richly we are blessed to be a blessing to others. Guide us and strengthen us so we may serve your will and your purpose today and make the world around us a better place. In your holy name we pray. Amen

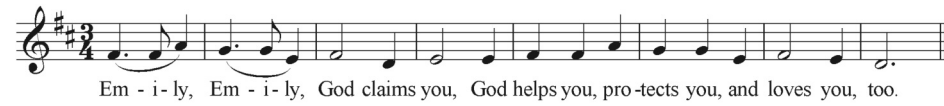
\*RESPONSE (All singing together):

**Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring;  
Live we then in human choices lives that, like our music sing;  
Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:40 a.m.)

Emily Claire Solomon, daughter of Susan and Steven Solomon

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



ANTHEM *Wherever You Go* DAVID LANTZ

*Tiffany Griffin, Peggy Warner, Emily Moore,  
Jennifer Hunter, Dotty Carter  
Jim Allison, Kyle Harlan, Rob Hartelust, Bryan Barger*

## 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*

ANTHEM *Seek to Serve* LLOYD PFAUTCH

*May I live in this world as one who always seeks to serve.  
May I live as one who knows the love of God.  
Lord, teach me how to live and how to serve.*

*With my ears may I hear, with my eyes may I see.  
With my lips may I speak, may your word be heard through me.  
Thus as I live each day may love sustain the will to serve. Amen.*

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

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:14-30

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the God of life who creates and loves people, who acts in history and who promises never to leave us alone.**

**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, Lord and Redeemer, who desires that we should follow his teachings.**

**We believe that when we live in the presence of the Holy Spirit, we are able to become creative, compassionate and free.**

**We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ, a community where we find companions for the struggles of life; where we grow in understanding of the faith through worship, prayer, fellowship and action.**

**We believe that God has a purpose for us in this time and place.**

**We believe that people can change, attitudes can change, and that God keeps leading us towards life and to a new world of justice and joy.**

\*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 *The Summons* JOHN LEAVITT

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 593 *Here I Am, Lord*

SERMON **Disciples: People Who Serve** Rev. Richard Smith

## Going Forth

\*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN 438 *Forth In Thy Name*  
Tune: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

\*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 *March* G. F. HANDEL

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

**Acolytes:** 8:30 a.m.—Caroline Zummach; 9:40 a.m.—Sarah Foster and Brooke Langridge

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers that grace the altar today are placed

- In celebration of Rev. Rebecca Luter on her birthday, September 18. Given by her husband, Chris, and children, Nicholas and Elizabeth.

**Rosebud:** The rosebud on the altar today is placed in celebration of the birth of Evelyn Camille Fetzer-Gill on August 29. Parents are Emily Hefley and Geoffrey Fetzer-Gill. Grandparents are Elaine Fetzer and George Gill.

**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 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.