



## Entrance

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

INTROIT *Praise the Lord, Be Alive in His Sanctuary* BOYD BACON

### WELCOME AND GREETING

\*OPENING HYMN 451 *Be Thou My Vision*

\*COLLECT (in unison)

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open and all desires known, we come before you today with singing and thanksgiving for the gifts of life and faith. Speak to our hearts as we wait before you, and let your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may serve you in our time. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Christ's Flock* MARTIN SHAW  
Chancel Choir

In Christ's own flock let love be surely placed,  
From Christ's own flock let concord hate expel.  
Of Christ's own flock let love be so embraced,  
As we in Christ, and Christ is us may dwell.

Christ is the author of all unity,  
From whence proceedeth all felicity.  
O sing unto this glittering, glorious King,  
Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring.

Alleluia  
*Francis Kimmelwershe, (1540-1580)*  
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*Latecomers may be seated at this time.*

## 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 *Lead Me, Lord* SAMUEL WESLEY

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS (9:40 and 11:00 a.m.)

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9:38-41, 50; Ephesians 4:1-6

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Bill Norman

OFFERTORY *I Love Your Word* MARK HAYES  
Sherry Thompson, soprano

*I love Your Word, it gives me light. It guides me through the darkest night.  
Your law is perfect in every way. How I love Your Word.*

*Sweeter than the honeycomb, more precious than the finest gold,  
Rich with treasures new and old, Your Word gives life to me.  
When I am frightened, You calm my fears. When I am troubled, Your Word is clear  
That in every moment You are here. Your Word brings peace to me.*

*I choose to follow Your commands. Your ways I want to understand.  
I long to learn all that I can from the wisdom in Your Word  
Your words I treasure deep within. They comfort me and discipline  
That I may have no cause to sin. Your Word brings righteousness.  
(adapted from Psalm 119)*

### 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 558 *We are the Church*

SERMON *We're In This Together* Rev. Richard Smith

\*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.**

## Going Forth

\*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN 557 *Blest Be The Tie that Binds*

\*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

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

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

- Given by Hank Davis in memory of his son, Kevin Eldridge Davis (1971-1978), who would have celebrated his 40th birthday on October 13; and in memory of Kevin's mother, Becky Ann Davis.
- In celebration of Zoe Jackson's birthday on October 12. Given by her husband, Paisley Jackson.

Flowers in the sanctuary are often placed to commemorate special occasions, remember a loved one, or serve as an offering and act of worship. The cost of helping provide flowers is now just \$50 per family, and multiple commemorations may be listed each Sunday. For more information, contact Mary Anne Gibson at 754-7216, ext. 100, or mgibson@germantownumc.org.

#### Third Graders Receiving Bibles Today:

9:40 a.m.—Heath William Arick, Grayson Bolan, Connor Murray Callaway, Alex Lyle Domke, Jordan Alice Domke, Ashley T. Eisenbraun, Annalise Grace Ellard, Catherine Elise Ferguson, Margaret Grace Fischer, Drew Foster, William Jackson Hicks, Lilly Lian Horton, Eric Andreas Johnsen, Oliver Bradley Jones, Margeaux Marie Land, Davis Henry Mayo, Mary Jewel McCullough, Emily Catherine McKinney, William Thomas McKinney, Nathan Charles Perini, Jackson Shane Pitts, Audrey Ellen Still, and William Wesley Truett;

11:00 a.m.—Alexandra Emma Jobe, Sasha Elizabeth Jobe, Paige Amelia Bowden, Benjamin Alan Burkhart, Riley Maclaine Fittes, Elliott Jennings Frankel, Lauren Elizabeth Hopper, Hannah Renee Hopson, Tess Ya Ru Joyce, Chandler Wade Kuhn, Kennedy Clare Kuhn, James Warner McCrary, Madeline Delaine Sells, Elizabeth Grace Talley, and Murphy Davidson West.

**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.