

## WORSHIP NOTES • October 16, 2011

*What About Suffering?*

Job 23:1-13

**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 ([hops@earthlink.net](mailto:hops@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

October 16, 2011



William Blake, 1825

**I have not departed from the commands  
of his lips; I have treasured the words of  
his mouth more than my daily bread.**

**Job 23:12 (NIV)**

# Entrance

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

INTROIT *Great Are Thou and Greatly to Be Praised* ALICE JORDAN

## WELCOME AND GREETING

\*OPENING HYMN 139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
Stanzas 1 – 4

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God watched over us as we slept last night.

**People: God was there when we awakened this morning.**

Leader: God is in this place, among us now.

**People: God is in the silence, the singing, the sermon, and the prayers.**

Leader: Let us worship God who is always with us.

\*RESPONSE (the hymn concludes)

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly for forever adore him.**

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*Latecomers may be seated at this time.*

ANTHEM *Psalms 86* CARL NYGARD

\*SCRIPTURE Job 23:1-13

RITUAL OF PRESENCE *Upon the Willows* BROOK BODDIE

# 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 *Hear Our Prayer* WHELPTON

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

OFFERTORY *Fugue* GERALD NEAR

## 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 510 *Come, Ye Disconsolate*

SERMON *What About Suffering?* Rev. Richard Smith

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution of famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

**People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

# Going Forth

### \*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN 381 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

### \*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 *Allegro Maestoso* THOMAS ROSEINGRAVE

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

**Acolytes:** 8:30 a.m.—Caroline Zummach; 9:40 a.m.—Rachel Crane and Mackenzie Fittes

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers that grace our sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and placed

- In memory of William Christian Fischer, given by his parents Mindy and Terry Fischer and grandparents Margaret and John Ueleke.
- Honoring Carolyn Browder on her birthday today, lovingly given by her husband, Mack, and their children Michelle + Brian and Caroline, and their five precious grandchildren, Allie, KK, and Michael (New Orleans) + Abbie and Ashley (Nashville).

**Rosebud.** The rosebud on the altar today is placed in celebration of the birth of Lillian Elaine Bendure on October 7. Parents are Rachel and Scott Bendure. Grandparents are Patricia and Randy Nichols.

*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.*

**Ritual of Presence.** Today during worship we will observe the Ritual of Presence by recording our attendance during the worship service. The ushers will hand out the registration pads and you will have time to record your attendance. Worship attendance matters to God and to the Church. Thank you for recording your presence in worship today.

**Receive Daily E-Devotionals.** If you would like to receive Ponderings, an e-devotional from Rev. Richard Smith sent Monday-Friday, please contact Donna Thurmond at dthurmond@germantownumc.org. The devotionals include a Scripture passage, thoughts from Richard, and questions for further reflection.

**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.