

## WORSHIP NOTES • October 23, 2011

*Pressing On Toward the Goal*

Philippians 3:4b-14

**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, [ctburns@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](http://germantownumc.org).

# Germantown United Methodist Church

October 23, 2011



## Pressing Towards the Goal

. . . Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it  
my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what  
lies behind and straining forward to what  
lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the  
prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12-14

## Entrance

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

### INTROIT

### WELCOME AND GREETING

\*OPENING HYMN 568 *Christ for the World We Sing*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 104*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples!

**People: Sing to the Lord, sing praises! Tell of all God's wonderful works!**

Leader: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**People: Seek the Lord's strength; seek the Lord's presence continually!**

\*GLORIA PATRI 70

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*(Latecomers may be seated at this time.)*

ANTHEM *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* MARK HAYES

\*SCRIPTURE Philippians 3:4b-14

### RITUAL OF PRESENCE

How can I tell if I am making spiritual progress? Am I becoming more hopeful, more serene? Simpler in my lifestyle? More generous toward others? More accepting of others? Readier to forgive those who wrong me? Am I doing something to relieve human suffering and make life better for others? When we emphasize the values and virtues we need, we see how difficult the spiritual journey is. It takes a lifetime. A genuinely spiritual life keeps calling for a change of heart. And the heart, we find, does not so easily change.

~Thomas Hart, Spiritual Quest

## 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*

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

"DISCIPLE-SHIP:  
ON BOARD WITH CHRIST" John Adams and Mark Meanwell

### OFFERTORY

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### \*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION 578 *God of Love and God of Power*

SERMON *Pressing On Toward the Goal* Rev. Rebecca Luter

#### \*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.**

## Going Forth

#### \*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN 577 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

#### \*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;  
Thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.**

### POSTLUDE

**Liturgists:** 8:30 a.m.—Rev. Jack Henton; 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.—Addie Mac and Emmaline Schild

**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.

**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](mailto:jmckenna@germantownumc.org); or Rev. Gail Bruno at 758-6510 or [gbruno@germantownumc.org](mailto:gbruno@germantownumc.org).

**Prayer Concerns.** To submit a prayer request, call Linda Terrell at 754-7216 or email [lterrell@germantownumc.org](mailto:lterrell@germantownumc.org). In the event of an after-hours emergency, pastoral help is available. Call our Emergency Pastoral Care number at 901-412-5776. A complete list of prayer concerns list is available at the Information Center and outside the sanctuary.

**"Discipleship-Ship: On Board With Christ"** is the theme of our Stewardship emphasis this year. Please give prayerful thought to your commitment to support the mission and ministry of GUMC for 2012 and come prepared to present your commitment to be dedicated and blessed on Sunday, November 13 or Sunday, November 20.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we have pledged to support His church in this place with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. Each time we make a commitment to support GUMC for another year, we reaffirm our commitment to being disciples of Jesus Christ and thus "being on board with Him" in His ministry and mission to the world.