

## WORSHIP NOTES • October 30, 2011

*The Most Difficult Subject of All*  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Mark 12:38-44

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

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Rev. Richard Smith, Senior Pastor

# Germantown United Methodist Church

October 30, 2011



For all of them have  
contributed out of their abundance;  
but she out of her poverty has  
put in everything she had,  
all she had to live on.

Mark 12:34 (NRSV)

# Entrance

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

## INTROIT

*The Sure Foundation* ARNOLD SHERMAN  
*Matins Bell Choir and GUMC Brass Ensemble*

## WELCOME AND GREETING

### \*OPENING HYMN 545

*The Church's One Foundation*

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the word;  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride,  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 147

Leader: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; a song of praise is fitting.

**People: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; and gathers the outcast of Israel.**

Leader: The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

**People: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden, and casts the wicked to the ground.**

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, whose understanding is beyond measure.

**People: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God.**

### \*GLORIA PATRI 70

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

## ANTHEM

(8:30 a.m.) *You are Exalted* RANDALL DENNIS  
*Men's Chorus*

(9:40 and 11:00 a.m.) *Shout for Joy* STAN PETHEL  
*Testimony*

## \*SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Mark 12:38-44

## RITUAL OF PRESENCE

*How Can I Keep From Singing* (arr. Honoré)

Natalie Duncan, vocalist

*My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation  
I hear the sweet though far off hymn that hails a new creation:  
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing;  
It finds an echo in my soul – How can I keep from singing?*

# 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

*You are My All in All*

ARR. LLOYD LARSON

*Testimony: Win Smith, guitar*

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

### MISSION MOMENT

Freddie Moore, Holy Community Church

### OFFERTORY

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ROBERT HOBBY

### 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 400

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

### SERMON

**The Most Difficult Subject of All**

Rev. Richard Smith

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all God's work and whose will is ever directed to good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the gift of God's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

# Going Forth

## \*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

### \*HYMN 89

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

### \*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Tune: O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

**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

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

MICHAEL HELMAN

**Liturgists:** 8:30 a.m.—Rev. Dr. Bill Walker; 9:40 a.m.—Rev. Julie McKenna; 11:00 a.m.—Rev. Jack Henton

**Youth Assisting in Worship:** 8:30 a.m.—Sam Norman; 9:40 a.m.—Garrett Dickinson; 11:00 a.m.—Juliana Halpern

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers that grace the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gayle Garth whose birthday was November 1. Given by Tracy and Mark McFall.

**Rosebud.** The rosebud on the altar today is placed in celebration of the adoption of Aden Jones, son of David and Allison Jones, and grandson of Wayne and Elaine Jones of Germantown UMC; given by his godparents Leslie and Chris Chapman. His maternal grandparents are Brian and Susan Donnelly.

**Prayer Concerns.** To submit a prayer request, call Linda Terrell at 754-7216 or email 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.

**“Disciple-Ship: On Board With Christ.”** Merriam-Webster defines stewardship as “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.” As Christians we know that this “something entrusted to [our] care” takes many forms—our bodies, our relationship with God, our planet—just to name a few. The psalmist states poetically in Psalm 24:1: “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,” and so we must remember that our “things” are not ours to own, but ours to take care of. Paul reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.”

To this end, my family and I rejoice that we are part of this wonderful church family. We give thanks and are very grateful for the pastoral and lay leadership of this church. Our children have benefitted from our outstanding children’s and youth ministries, and my wife and I are members of the Trinity Sunday School class. We have received much from the generosity of this church and its members. Just as we have been enriched by the sharing of gifts of others, we believe that sharing our gifts with others enriches our lives and the lives of those around us. We, as good stewards, are encouraged by the words in 1 Timothy 6:18-19: “They are to do good, be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share . . . so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.” So let us take care of these things entrusted to our care—one another, our church and our world.

Please bring your Commitment Card to one of the worship services on November 13 or 20 to be dedicated and blessed in a special act of worship.

—Mark Meanwell, Co-Chairman of Committee on Stewardship