

WORSHIP NOTES • November 13, 2011

Discovering a Life of Joy, Part 1

Proverbs 17:22; John 10:7-10; John 15:10-11;

Philippians 4:11b-13,19

The sermon text and video are available each Monday
on our website at 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; or Shelley Haines at 758-6512 or 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 (hopsome@earthlink.net).

Youth Ministry. The Youth Ministry of Germantown UMC 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.

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. 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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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; Christina Burns at 758-6524, ctburns@bellsouth.net; or Dr. Bill Walker at 756-7666.

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Germantown United Methodist Church

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I came that they may have life,
and have it abundantly.

John 10:10b (NRSV)

Entrance

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

INTROIT (8:30 a.m.) *Sing and Rejoice* EMMA LOU DIEMER
(9:40 and 11:00 a.m.) *Give Thanks*
Choristers: Ann Lowery, director; Kim Marsh, piano

OPENING PRAYER (Minister)
God of the winter cold and God of the summer heat, God of spring rains and God of dry fields, we worship you. Yours is the earth in all its fullness, and yours are our lives with all their complications. Tune our hearts to sing your songs. Lift our eyes to see your visions. Give us voices to praise you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM (9:40 and 11:00) *Lord, You Are Near Me*

WELCOME AND GREETING

***HYMN 73** *O Worship the King*
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(Latecomers may be seated during the opening hymn.)

ANTHEM *Autumn Carol* SCHULZ
Ensemble: Libby Schielke, Elizabeth Kemker, Jan Bobbitt, Kim Marsh,
Alice McMurray, Nancy Barnett, Roz Ashworth, Randy Lewis,
Jeffrey Sawyer, Logan Williams, Mel Headley
Bells: Camilla Evans, Lisa Pierce, Becky Trahan

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RITUAL OF PRESENCE

Canticle of Thanksgiving JOHN RUTTER
Chancel Choir

*Lord, you were there before the hills and mountains,
Your formed the earth, you made the sea and sky;
You are God, our strength and our salvation
Through a thousand ages passing by.*

*The earth is yours, and all that is within it,
You gave it life and every gift so fair;
In the wealth and wonder of creation
You were there, Lord, you were there.*

*Lord, we are called as servants in your kingdom
To do your work, and not to seek for rest,
Share each load, and bear each other's burdens,
That our lives may be forever blest.*

*Lord, you are there in gentleness and goodness,
In kindly thoughts and quiet words of prayer;
In the love which binds us all together, You are there, Lord.*

*Lord, who can tell the greatness of your glory,
Or who can sing the fullness of your praise?*

*You are God immortal and eternal;
Grant us strength to serve you all our days.*

*Through all the years your goodness never failed us:
In times of joy and days of dark despair
You were there, the One who never changes;
You were there, Lord.*

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

OFFERTORY *Let All Things Now Living* 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**

SERMON *Discovering a Life of Joy, Part 1* Rev. Richard Smith

TIME OF COMMITMENT

*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 715** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

*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 *Psalm IXX* BENEDETTO MARCELLO

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

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers that grace our altar today are given in honor and memory of our U.S. veterans. Please visit the Veterans table located outside the sanctuary today.

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

“Disciple-Ship: On Board With Christ.” Our world continues to change each and every day. Change alters our culture, our economy, our politics, our ethics, and every other aspect of life in this world, both near and far. Even so, never lose sight of the fact that God has a plan for Germantown United Methodist Church. The Church has many missions, but its most basic role is to help individuals develop a personal relationship with God. Typically, we think of this as outreach, that is, trying to introduce non-members to our Christian beliefs. The church also has a mission regarding its own members—helping them to grow closer to God. The very tenets of our church membership oath seek to set out a plan for personal growth and faith. We pledge to support the Church with “our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our witness.” These are fundamental concepts for a Christian life, and each aspect of this oath touches on areas of life where spiritual roots can grow. As each new member makes this pledge at the front of our sanctuary, I find myself focusing on the essence of this pledge. This pledge is a blueprint for answering God's call. Do we need to refocus our lives and better use our blessings for God's call? Do we need to refocus our lives and better use our blessings for God's will? Don't use all of your “time” for worldly pursuits; rather, dedicate some “time” for prayer, worship, and service. Don't use all of your “money” for your own needs; tithe and give back to God a portion so it can be used for his will. How a person uses his time and money reflects what his true priorities are in life. Take time to renew the “basic tenets” of your personal relationship with God.

—Robert Hollabaugh, Committee on Stewardship