

Entrance

9:40 and 11 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

*HYMN 451

Be Thou My Vision

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(Latecomers may be seated during the opening hymn.)

*COLLECT (UNISON)

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others; open my ears that I may hear their cries; open my heart so that they need not be without comfort; let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places. And so open my eyes and my ears that I may be able to do some work of peace for you. Amen.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

*SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-44

RITUAL OF PRESENCE

SOLO

Psalm 23

Dr. Reginald Houze, tenor

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

Old Time Religion

ARR. ZANNINELLI

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 463

Lord, Speak to Me

SERMON

"God's Hospitality:

Rev. Julie McKenna

Martha Stewart or Something Else?"

*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 his 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 251

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Liturgist: Rev. Gail Bruno

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers that grace our sanctuary this morning are lovingly given by:

- Tom Ashworth as he and Roz celebrate their first wedding anniversary on December 26, and with a grateful heart for the special love and friendship of Bobbie and Joe VanCleve and their family.

Visitors Brunch. Our new visitors and regular guests are welcome to join the evangelism team for a welcoming brunch on Sunday, January 22 at noon. Reservations by Tuesday, January 17, are appreciated and childcare is available upon request. Please contact Amy Burns at 758-6528 or aburns@germantownumc.org.

Did you know how hard it is to do almost anything in isolation? Research consistently indicates that those who participate in a support group—whatever the issue—fare better and are more successful in their situations. Think weight loss. Or a support group. Or a walking buddy. Or following Jesus.

At GUMC we offer a variety of opportunities to connect with others. If you're not in a group now, this is a great time to start. Beginning this month we have a variety of classes offered during the week in addition to our Wednesday night classes that begin January 11.

For a list of opportunities, pick up a brochure today outside the sanctuary or see our website at germantownumc.org.

