

Entrance

9:40 and 11 a.m.

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Holy Ground
Sing to the Lord a New Song

Chancel Choir

WELCOME AND GREETING

*HYMN 152 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried,
the third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead,

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.

RITUAL OF PRESENCE

ANTHEM *Surely the Lord is in This Place* HERBERT COLVIN

OFFERTORY *In Christ There is No East or West* RICHARD PROULX

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Proclamation and Response

*SCRIPTURE Exodus 3:1-12

SERMON *Encounter on the Mountain* Rev. Richard Smith

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church,
We have not done your will,
We have broken your law,
We have rebelled against your love,
We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

a time of silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners,
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All singing together:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: . . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All singing together:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People (singing together): Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

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

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Gluten free communion elements are available for communion. Go to the central communion station and tell one of the pastors of your need for the gluten free elements.

Communion at 8:30 is served at the chancel rail and those who are able kneel for communion. After receiving the wafer and cup, remain kneeling and receive the pastor's blessing and dismissal.

Communion at 9:40 and 11:00 is given by intinction. There are four stations for intinction, two at the center aisle for those who prefer to kneel and one on each of the outer aisles.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Going Forth

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Those wishing to present themselves for church membership may come to the chancel at this time.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 383

This is a Day of New Beginnings

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 143

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.

POSTLUDE

Carillon Toccata

DOUGLAS WAGNER

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

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers that grace our sanctuary today are given by Dorris Burchett in honor of his wife, Lula, as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Dorris and Lu were married on January 11, 1962 in Russellville Kentucky.

Rosebuds. The rosebuds on the altar are placed in celebration of the births of:

- Isaac Linwood Sheir, son of Amy and Adam Sheir, grandson of Pat Sheir, born December 15, 2011.
- Ryan Phipps Thompson, son of Kate and Ryan Thompson of Birmingham, Alabama, born December 29, 2011. Grandparents are Sherry and Dave Thompson.

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 in Room 329. Reservations by Tuesday, January 17, are appreciated and childcare is available upon request. Please contact Amy Burns at 758-6528 or aburns@germantownumc.org.