

The Invitation

Matthew 22:1-14



20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

Traditional Service

The liturgical color for Sundays after Pentecost is green, symbolizing life, hope, and growth.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please stand as you are able.

Prelude

All Praise to God the Father Above
by Robert J. Powell

Welcome and Announcements

*Greeting Our Neighbor

Introit

Praise the Lord!
Hal H. Hopson

*Call to Worship

Psalm 106:1-4a

Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD
or declare all his praise?**

Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.

**Remember us, O LORD,
When you show your people favor;
help us when you deliver them.**

*Hymn of Praise UMH 715

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 881

Apostles' Creed

*Gloria Patri UMH 70

Sacrament of Baptism UMH 39

Sutton Elizabeth Hoffman
Daughter of Stephen and Lauren Hoffman

Scripture

Philippians 4:1-9

Call to Prayer UMH 338

Where He Leads Me

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Come and Taste
arr. Alice Parker

Come and taste along with me consolation flowing free,
from the Father's wealthy throne, sweeter than the honeycomb.

I'll praise God and you praise God,

and we'll all praise God together;

we'll praise the Lord for the work that he has done,

and we'll bless his Name forever.

All that come with free good will make the banquet sweeter still;

now I go to mercy's door, asking for a little more.

Goodness, running like a stream through the new Jerusalem,

by a constant breaking forth sweetens earth and heaven both.

O, return, ye sons of grace, turn and see God's smiling face.

Hark, he calls backsliders home, then from him no longer roam.

*Doxology UMH 95

***Hymn of Preparation** UMH 465 *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*
(Children are invited down during the last stanza.)

Time with the Children

***Scripture** Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon The Invitation

***Hymn of Commitment** UMH 348
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

*Mission Statement

**“We are a welcoming community of faith,
committed to loving God and loving others,
serving Christ and sharing Him,
transforming lives and making disciples.”**

*Benediction

***Benediction Response** UMH 571 st. 1 *Go, Make of All Disciples*

Go, make of all disciples, we hear the call, O Lord,
that comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer.
And let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.

***Postlude** *Fanfare on “Lyons”*
by Dan R. Edwards

Leading in Worship Today

- Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor | Preaching | Time with the Children
- Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister | Liturgist
- Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music
- Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music | Organist/Pianist
- Student Singers
- Zoey Adams, Call to Worship
- Susan Hillebert, Scripture
- Cora Nelson and Emma Nelson, Acolytes



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HIGHLIGHTS

STEADY GROUND

A place for navigating loss and change.



Sunday, October 18
11:30 am | Room 339

All are welcome.

Presented by GUMC Care Ministries
Questions? ytoney@germantownumc.org

FALL PRAYER VIGIL

Thursday, October 22
8 am-4 pm | Chapel

Come anytime you choose to pray.
Pray in the chapel or wherever you are.
Help us reach 100 commitments to pray.



Sign up online to choose a time slot.

WELCOME CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Help us continue to make
GUMC feel like home.*



Greet visitors



Welcome
members



Answer
questions



Weekday and Sunday opportunities
Sunday shifts: 8:30-10 am and 10-11:30 am



Choose when you can serve.



Contact Brenda West
bwest@germantownumc.org



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GUMC events!

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 11

9:00 am - Sunday School
10:00 am - Fellowship
10:30 am - Worship

MONDAY | OCTOBER 12

4:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting
4:00 pm - Older Adult Council
5:15 pm - XYZ Board Meeting
6:00 pm - Missions Committee

TUESDAY | OCTOBER 13

6:30 am - Men's Sunrise Prayer Group
6:30 pm - "Proverbs" Bible Study

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 14

6:30 am - Rutherford Morning Prayer Group
9:45 am - "Joshua" Bible Study via Zoom

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 15

9:00 am - AARP Driving Class
6:00 pm - Mahjong

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 16

9:00 am - AARP Driving Class

AROUND THE CORNER

10/18 - Steady Ground
10/20 - XYZ trip to Dixon
10/22 - Fall Prayer Vigil
10/25 - GUMC Candy Walk
10/26 - Monday Monthly Book Group
10/28 - Family Fall Fest
11/01 - All Saints Evensong
11/06 - Brown Bag Lunch program
11/09 - Navigating Medicare Seminar
11/10 - GUWF November Speaker Luncheon
11/13 - 11/15 - Crave
11/15 - Mahjong for Missions
11/18 - Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner & Family Advent Workshop

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by the Asbury Sunday school class.

If you are visiting us today, we hope you find a meaningful time of worship and a welcoming community of faith. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about membership, we would be happy to talk with you.

For more information, contact Mary Groh at 754-7216 or mgroh@germantownumc.org.



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SERMON NOTES

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