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SEVEN
FIRST SAYINGS

An Easter Worship Series

GermanTown
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026

Liturgical Color - White and Gold
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

We are reminded in Isaiah 66:13 that the qualities of such blessings may be given and received by all: "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you."

The altar flowers gracing the sanctuary are placed by David J. Akle in loving memory of his Mother, Evelyn Forzey Akle.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude *My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Marianne Kim
tune by A. Gordon

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

Introit *Hallelujah! Let Everything That Breathes* Hal Hopson

***Call to Worship** 1 Corinthians 15:53-55

When this perishable body puts on imperishability,
and this mortal body puts on immortality,
then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:
"Death has been swallowed up in victory."
Where O death is your victory?
Where, O death is your sting?

***Hymn of Praise UMH 304** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 889**
Affirmation from 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16

***Gloria Patri UMH 70**

Scripture 1 Peter 5:1-4

Call to Prayer UMH 496 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Mother's Day Recognition

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Rejoice the Lord is King

arr. Jack Schrader

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

***Doxology UMH 94**

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 445**

Happy the Home

(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

Time with the Children

***Scripture**

John 21:15-22

Sermon

Seven First Sayings
6. Do You Love Me?

***Hymn of Commitment UMH 581**

Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service

***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 TFWS 2241

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

LAND OF REST

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus’ name to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God’s favor to proclaim.**

Postlude

God Himself is with Us

by Robert J. Powell

L e a d i n g i n W o r s h i p T o d a y

Preaching and Time with the Children: Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor

Liturgist: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music

Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music

Lay Readers: Call to Worship: Emerson Keel | Scripture: Evelyn Underwood

Acolytes: Adele Dempsey and Hannah Underwood

Men of the Chancel Choir



**Scan the QR code to record your attendance
or fill out the registration of attendance found
in the pew and leave it attached to the pad.**



**Assisted Listening Devices and Large Print Hymnals Available.
See an usher for assistance with either, if needed.**



Welcome to Germantown United Methodist Church!

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.

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

Kick off summer at McVay Gardens! May 27 at 6 pm. Families are invited to join us for an outdoor movie, popsicles, and a fun evening together. Bring dinner or enjoy food trucks on site.

Coffee with the Pastors is Sunday, May 31, at 9 am. Join us during the Sunday school hour to meet our pastors, learn about the history, beliefs, and missions of Germantown UMC and how to get connected to our congregation – a perfect opportunity for visitors or those who are considering church membership! Please contact Mary Groh at mgroh@germantownumc.org if you are interested in attending.

VBS volunteers needed! June 8-12, 9 am-Noon. We need your help to make Rainforest Falls VBS a huge success. Join the fun! Youth entering grades 7-12 and adults of all ages are encouraged to participate. We need station leaders, group leaders, decorators, and more. If your child is too young for VBS, we offer a mini VBS for young children of volunteers. Register online today! Questions about where you may be needed? Reach out to Becca Keel, Hayley Heard, or Janelle Crist.

M i n i s t r y , N e w s a n d E v e n t s

For more information about events listed below, visit our website: germantownumc.org
Interested in an event that requires registration? Click “Sign Up & Events” at the top of the page.

Children’s Ministry

Becca Keel, Director: bkeel@germantownumc.org

Janelle Crist, Assoc. Dir. Nursery: jcrist@germantownumc.org

Hayley Heard, Assoc. Dir. Elem.: hheard@germantownumc.org

Preschool Stepping Stones (Newborn-Prekindergarten):

The Hamilton Nursery is open from 8:45-11:30 am on Sundays. Preschool Sunday school meets from 9-10 am.

Elementary Sunday School (Kindergarten-5th grade):

We meet from 9-10 am, each week. Child drop off is in individual classrooms, in the children’s education wing. Please pick up your child at 10 am, in the Huddle (room 240).

Acolytes Needed: Scan QR code to sign up to acolyte!

Must be in the second grade or older. There is no age limit! If your child is interested in acolyting and has not been trained, contact Becca Keel to schedule a training session.



Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School: June 8-12,

9 am - noon. For children ages 4 (by 8/15/26) through rising 6th grade. Details and registration for VBS and other summer events are on the church website.

Mission Camp: July 13-17, 9 am-3 pm. For rising 5th and 6th graders. Space is limited. Register online today.

Music and Arts Camp: July 27-31, 9 am-3 pm. For rising 2nd-6th graders. Register online today.

Care Ministries

Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries, ytoney@germantownumc.org

Steady Ground is the place for you if you have suffered any type of loss: death, divorce, career, any life-changing event. Come to a supportive atmosphere on May 17, 11:30 am, Room 339, immediately after Traditional Worship. Please register online. You are welcome to bring your own lunch. Questions? Contact Yolanda Toney, ytoney@germantownumc.org.

Youth

Chloe Granberry, Director of Youth Ministries;

cgranberry@germantownumc.org

Courney Brookshire, Associate Youth Director;

cbrookshire@germantownumc.org

Sunday Morning Trek: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us in the Oasis at the OLEC at 9:00 for snacks, games, and discussion!

Element: Element is over for the Semester!

High School Prayer Breakfast: Is at 6:30 am this Tuesday at the Pavilion behind Houston High School! Come to school early for some Bible Study and Chick Fil A! Last one of the Semester!

Synergy and Synago: Last Synergy/Synago! Combined Celebration for all grades, 6pm-8:30pm at Top Golf!

High School Seniors: We will be recognizing more of our High School Seniors next week, May 17th!

Summer: Our Summer Calendar is on our website now! 901 Mission Camp: Registration is LIVE! June 17th-June 19th! Register now to get the Early Bird price!

Stay Informed: Check us out on Instagram (@gumcyouthmin) or like us on Facebook (GUMC Youth Ministry) to keep up with our activities and announcements. Please visit our GUMC webpage and sign up for youth emails for more details.

Germantown United Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org

Our friends and teachers have been busy practicing for next week’s spring program. We’re looking forward to hearing their sweet voices fill our GUMP hallways.

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Small Household Items Needed:

Methodist Healthcare Auxiliary (MHA) needs gently used small household items and women's accessories to be sold in MHA's gift shop in the Methodist University Hospital. Collection bins will be set up in the hallway behind the Fellowship Hall, next to the kitchen, through June 30. Questions? Contact Elaine Fetzer at elaine.fetzer@gmail.com.

Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education, mgroh@germantownumc.org

Monthly Book Group | Monday, May 18, at 10 am

Room 338 | City of Night Birds by Juhea Kim. No need to register, just purchase the book or check out from the library. "The Way of Wisdom - A Study of the Book of Proverbs" - Join us for this 8-week Women's Bible study as we consider wisdom principles on everyday topics. | Wednesdays, June 17-August 5 | 9:45-11:45 via Zoom | Facilitated by Chesley Porteous | Register \$28

Fourteen Adult Sunday School Classes meet from 9-10 on Sunday mornings. Please check out the list of classes, locations, teachers, and topics at the Welcome Center or online and join us. Visitors are always welcome!

Missions

Anne Fritz, clarissafritz@att.net

Centenary UMC Children's Summer Reading Program

Centenary UMC has initiated the CUMC Freedom School program for the children's summer reading. Visit Centenary's website and click on Support Centenary UMC Freedom School Program to find out more about how to volunteer, donate, and serve the children or contact Pamala @ Centenary 901.774.7604 or Deborah Thompson at yah.becky@gmail.com.

BBQ Sale Supporting GUMC's Kenya Mission Trip

The Emmaus Class is collecting orders online at germantownumc.org now until June 4 at 5 pm. Choose from a slab or ribs, pulled pork, or a pork loin for only \$35. Pick up on June 6, from 1 to 2 pm in the OLEC parking lot.



Older Adult Ministry

Luci Cromer, 901-755-0803, luci2@comcast.net.

Our activities are open to all adults age 55 and older.

Full event descriptions may be found in *The Tidings*.

XYZ's June Event! Come with us for opening night when we see the Tony Award-winning musical *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* at Playhouse on the Square on Friday, June 12, 2026. We depart at 5:45 pm, from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$15 for your reserved seat and the opening night reception. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Breneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Tuesday, May 12.

Our Handy Helpers are waiting for your call...

Handy Helpers can do light carpentry, plumbing, electrical repairs, routine outdoor maintenance, and computer troubleshooting for GUMC members age 60+ who need help with home repairs or maintenance. Services are provided without labor charges, but the cost of the materials used is to be paid by the homeowner. To put in a job request, contact the Handy Helpers Coordinators, Ron or Nina Gaddy, 754-1238.

Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC), 901-753-3100

Gordon Kelly, Director of Health & Recreation,

gkelly@germantownumc.org

Kim Marsh, Assistant Director of Health & Recreation,

kmarsh@germantownumc.org

Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Mon, 12-3 pm, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9-12 pm.

Nighttime: Wed. night: 5-7:30 pm.

Try one of our group exercise classes:

Gentle Yoga: Mon. and Wed. 3:30-4:30 pm.

Vinyasa Yoga: Wed. 2-3 pm.

Senior Fitness Walk Fit: Tues, 10-11 am.

Senior Fitness Chair Class: Thurs, 10-11 am.

Stroller Strides/Stroller Barre: Wed, Fri, 9:30-10:45 am.

Strides 360/Body Ignite: Wed. 6:15-7:15 pm.

Body Boost: Mon, 6:15-7:15 pm.

Hatha Yoga: Mon, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Open Gym times: Please call the OLEC office to check for available times. *Open Gym times are for church members only.

* Guests must purchase a \$10.00 pass.

Recurring Weekly at GUMC

Sunday

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

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study
6:30 am High School Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group
6:00 pm Synergy
6:30 pm Chancel Choir
7:15 pm Synago

Congregational Prayer List



Digital Giving Options

Online



Venmo



[germantownumc.org](https://www.germantownumc.org)