

4th Sunday of Easter

*All who are able are invited to stand
Please silence electronic devices

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Sheep May Safely Graze (from Cantata 208)* J.S. Bach, arr. Rawsthorne

(Please use this time to pray and prepare your heart for worship.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 23)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters.

People: The Lord restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for His name's sake.

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil.

People: For you are with me. Your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil and my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

*HYMN 423 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Holy God, hear us as we pray. We confess our daily need for grace and forgiveness. You are the good shepherd of our lives, but like sheep, we have gone astray. We follow paths that are not right. We fear much and trust you little in life's dark valleys. We fail to appreciate the bounty of the table you have set. Forgive us for not trusting you first and completely. Have mercy on us, in the name of the shepherd of our souls, Jesus Christ.

(Time of silent examination, petition and reflection)

Leader: We pray in the name Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 579 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

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.

THE WORD

*SHARING OF GRACE *(Please greet those near you with an expression of grace as we worship together.)*

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS (11:00)

ANTHEM (11:00) *Alleluia* Randall Thompson
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Kings 2:9-15
Pew Bible page 290 Adventure Bible page 413

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 9:32-43
Pew Bible page 893-4 Adventure Bible page 1210-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Surprised by Easter: Taking up Jesus' Mantle Dr. Will Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY *Laudamus te (from Gloria)* Antonio Vivaldi
Shannon Lowe, soprano Aaron Redburn, tenor

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God, above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

*POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

Marianne Kim

MUSIC NOTES

Laudamus te (from Gloria)

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te!
(We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you!)

We offer special thanks for today's soloists, Aaron Redburn and Shannon Lowe, and we give them our best wishes as they depart for Lee's Summit, Missouri where they will be married next week on May 24th!

Welcome to worship at Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. If you have any needs or questions, please consult one of the ushers. We are truly glad God brought you here!

Interested in joining Germantown Presbyterian? **You are welcome here!** For more information on how to join, please contact Anne Tansil at 901-754-7957 or ltansil@bellsouth.net.

Child care for infants and children through age four is provided during Sunday morning services. The nursery is located on the lower level under the Activity Center in the preschool hallway.

Extended care for individuals of all ages with exceptional needs is available during the worship hour as an extension of our special needs ministry. The room downstairs is LL112. Text "ETC" to 901-299-1216 to have a caregiver meet you there.

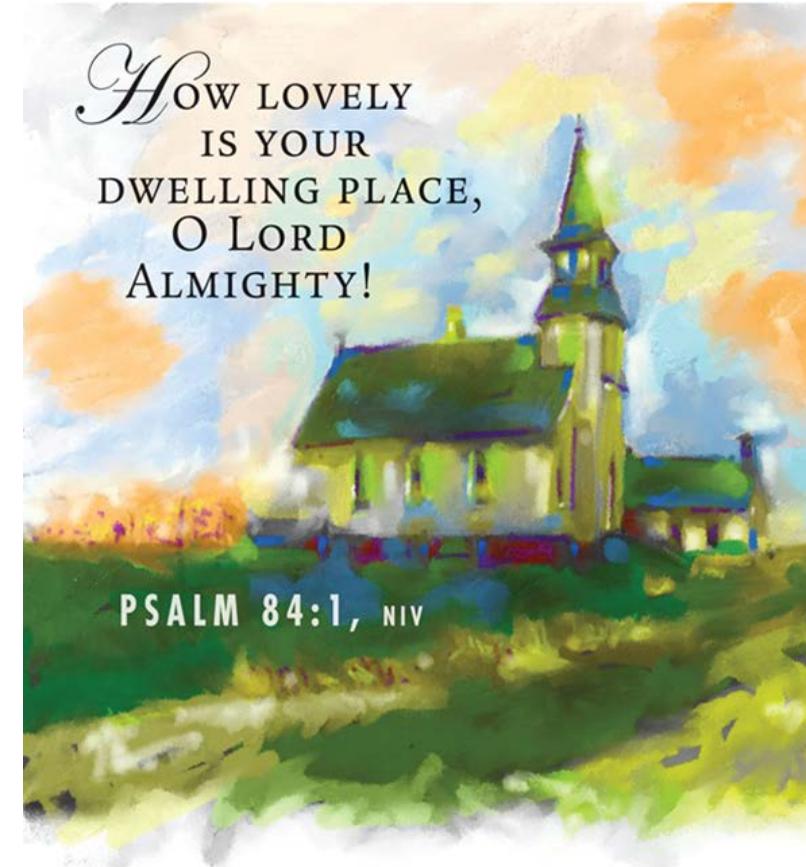
If you are having difficulty hearing, please notify an usher. Headsets for additional volume are available from an usher in the narthex.

GPC's pastors can always be reached in an emergency or crisis. Please call the church, 901-754-5195, and then press 1 to reach the on-call pastor.

Safety Measures: In an attempt to insure your safety while attending GPC, our exterior doors will be locked approximately 20 minutes after the service or event starts. If you leave the building and require re-entry, please alert an usher to assist you in gaining access back into the building.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and celebrate the wedding of Sarah Elizabeth Langsdon and Peter Adam Albrecht who were married in the sanctuary on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Sarah is the daughter of Carol and Phillip Langsdon.

May 12, 2019



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