

7th Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday

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

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Ballade* Charles Lefebure
Laura Brown, flute Mark Wallace, cello

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 97) (8:30) Alex Ivy (11:00) Liz Callicott

Leader: The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

People: The heavens proclaim His righteousness; and all the peoples behold His glory.

Leader: For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

People: The LORD loves those who hate evil; He guards the lives of His faithful; He rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Leader: Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart.

People: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!

*HYMN 145 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* MARION

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

(Silence for personal prayer)

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: John 17:20-26

Pew Bible p. 880 Adventure Bible p. 1189-1190

SECOND READING: Acts 16:6-34

Pew Bible p. 900-901 Adventure Bible p. 1219-1220

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Surprised by Easter: A Way Out Rev. Amanda Mackey

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Douglas E. Wagner
Ethan Baskin, 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, Alleluia!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

If you are able, please hold each element until all have been served, and the minister will signal when to partake.

COMMUNION MUSIC (8:30) *Ave Maria* Bach/Gounod
Mark Wallace, cello

(11:00) *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Eric Nelson
Chancel Choir
Mark Wallace, cello Laura Brown, flute

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 440 *In Christ There is No East or West* McKEE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

*POSTLUDE *Galliard* Bernhard Schmid

MUSIC NOTES

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O For a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His Grace! My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace. He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin, He sets the pris'ner free; His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me. Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever giv'n, by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting... Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

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 GPC? *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.



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