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*March 13, 2022*

*8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.*

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*\*Please stand.*

*Please silence electronic devices.*

## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27)

Jean Carroll (8:30)

JoEllyn Slott (11:00)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:

**People: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

Leader: For in the day of trouble, the Lord will keep me safe in His dwelling;

**People: Almighty God will hide me in the shelter of His sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.**

\*HYMN 263

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**You are holy, just, and true, O God. We, on the other hand, are sometimes profane, cruel, and false. There is a gulf between us that is wide and leaves us hopeless – unless you intervene and rescue us from ourselves. During this Lenten season, hear us confess our sadness over our sin. Cleanse us in the redeeming grace of Jesus Christ, we humbly pray. Do not hold our sin against us, and look upon us with mercy...**

*(Time of personal prayer)*

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

**People: Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS, HYMN 76

LOVE UNKNOWN

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

\*SHARING OF GRACE

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

**People: And also with you.**

***THE WORD***

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Christopher Greco

ANTHEM (11:00)

*Hear Me, Redeemer*

Henry Mollicone

Chancel Choir, with Marcus King, solo

*Hear me, Redeemer. Send down Your love to cleanse my soul.*

*Lord of lords, wash away my sinful ways. Show me the pow'r of Your love! Lord of lords, shine Your light through all my days. Show me the pow'r of Your love! [Refrain]*

*Mighty God, take my hand and lead the way. Show me the pow'r of your love! Mighty God, let me praise You ev'ry day. Show me the pow'r of Your love! [Refrain]*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:31-35 (pew Bible 849)

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1 (pew Bible 955)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Character and Calling: Discipline

Dr. Jones

***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Mike Lyle

**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 TTTHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

*O Divine Redeemer (Repentir)*

Charles Gounod

Karen Schowalter Cooper, mezzo soprano

*Ab! Turn me not away, Receive me tho' unworthy; Hear Thou my cry, Behold, Lord, my distress! Answer me from thy throne Haste Thee, Lord to mine aid, Thy pity shew in my deep anguish! Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, Though righteous thine anger, O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call. O Divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not, remember not my sins! Forgive me, O Divine Redeemer! Night gathers round my soul; Fearful, I cry to Thee; Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me! Hear my cry! Save me Lord in Thy mercy; Come and save me O Lord Save, in the day of retribution, From Death shield Thou me, O my God! O Divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Saviour!*

\*LENTEN DOXOLOGY, HYMN 85      *What Wondrous Love is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Wiggins

***SENDING***

\*HYMN

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

SHOWALTER

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

*Refrain*  
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing,  
 Lean-ing on Je-sus,

lean-ing,  
 lean-ing on Je-sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on

ing, lean-ing,  
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

## Worship Arts Notes

Music at GPC during the month of March celebrates **Women's History Month**. Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927) is an American composer who has written many works for orchestra, chamber ensemble, keyboard, voice, chorus, and electronic media. Carlotta Ferrari (b. 1975) is an Italian composer. She currently serves as adjunct professor of music composition at the Department of Arts and Music of European School of Economics, Firenze, Italy. Ferrari's works span many genres, developing a personal language that blends the past and present.

**On the cover:** *Jesus Discourses with His Disciples*, James Tissot, c. 1890

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## WORSHIP TODAY

**Welcome to worship** online and onsite with Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. We know these are difficult days, and we are so glad you can join our service in the way you feel most comfortable. We are truly glad God brought you here!

Scan the QR code to sign into the online Friendship Pad.



**Interested in joining GPC?** *You are welcome here!* For more information on how to join, please contact Amy Phillips at (901) 647-6433 or [amybirdwellphillips@gmail.com](mailto:amybirdwellphillips@gmail.com).

**The baby rose** on the font today celebrates the birth of Parker Payne Hoff on Friday March 4 at 8:53pm. Her parents are Hunter and Mattie Jordan Hoff; grandparents are Chip and Molly Miller; great grandmother is Brenda Bishop; aunt Miller Jordan and uncle Andrew Miller

**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.

**Name Tags:** We used to wear our name tags on Sunday. Do you know where yours is located? Let's start wearing them and if you can't find yours make a note on the Friendship Pad on Sunday and we'll make a new one for you that will be available in the narthex the next time you attend.

**Church Family Prayer Program:** Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for Jill Cox; Missy/Paul Gwin, Cole; Sue Kelley; Melissa/Alex Ivy; Diane/Edward Newton; Ashley/David Robinson, Anne-Louise, Charlotte, Tyler; Jan Thomson; Merrill/Reut Wise.

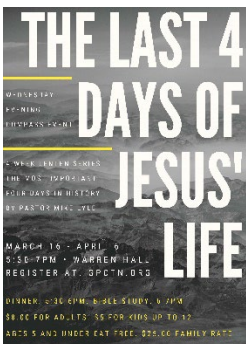
## ***Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of March 13, 2022***

### ***Compass Returns for Lent***

Compass is back by popular demand! Pastor Mike is leading a 4-week Compass Lenten series in Warren Fellowship Hall titled *The Last 4 Days of Jesus' Life* from March 16 – April 6. The meal will begin at 5:30 (\$8 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6-12, kids under 5 eat free, \$25 family rate), and the study will begin at 6. Pastor Mike will be using Mark's Gospel as his text, so there's nothing to buy. Just bring your Bible! In order to get a good food count, reservations are requested but not required, and you can do that here: <https://germantownpres.org/compass-reservation-lent-2022/> or you can scan the QR code above. The kick-off meal will be barbecue from Germantown Commissary.



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***Download your weekly prayer guide here  
(<https://germantownpres.org/lenten-offerings-2022/>) or scan the code.***



***NaCoMe churchwide retreat is coming up! – April 29 – May 1 – and registration is now open.*** Yay! Scan the QR code or click here (<https://germantownpres.org/nacome-registration-2022/>) in the electronic version of the bulletin to register or go to the home page and find the link there. **Sign-up deadline is Thursday, March 31.** Questions? Need more info? Please contact Sherrie Horner at [sherriehorner@gmail.com](mailto:sherriehorner@gmail.com).

The 2022 theme comes from Psalm 150:

*Alleluia!*

*We praise you, Holy God, in your sanctuary; we praise you in your mighty skies!*

*We praise you for your powerful deeds; we praise you for your overwhelming glory!*

*We praise you with the blast of the trumpet; we praise you with lyre and harp!*

*We praise you with timbrel and dance; we praise you with strings and flute!*

*We praise you with clashing cymbals; we praise you with resounding cymbals!*

*Let everything that has breath praise Almighty God!*

*Alleluia!*

## GPConnect

We are so excited to share that registration for GPConnect in March is open now and closes March 22. The March 27 gathering will be for Sunday brunch, 9:30am-12pm. Drop your child(ren) off at the preschool entrance under the overhang.



You can register your child(ren) here in your digital bulletin:

<https://germantownpres.org/gpconnect-pno-reservation/>

or by scanning this QR code.



For parents, this is an opportunity to intentionally connect with one another in deep and meaningful relationships. With all the demands on parents today, it can be so hard to find the time and energy to build lasting friendships. So, we offer these opportunities for parents to connect and enjoy a great faith-filled time together with the comfort and confidence of knowing your child is well cared for.

Sign up to receive the GPCKids weekly e-blast by sending your email to Blair Hayes at [blairh@gpctn.org](mailto:blairh@gpctn.org).

***Ushers Needed.*** When people come to GPC, they all leave with the impression of what a friendly church we are. Ushers are the first people that most will meet when they enter our house of worship. Please consider being part of this welcoming ministry. If you are fairly new to GPC, this is a great way to become involved and meet people. If you are interested, you may contact Dick Goughnour at [regoughnour@att.net](mailto:regoughnour@att.net) or Bob Johnson at [rhjohnson9@gmail.com](mailto:rhjohnson9@gmail.com).

***Binghampton Christian Academy (BCA) has an urgent need*** for meal volunteers to help feed our Residential Students during the week (Monday – Thursday nights). We've had several last-minute date changes/cancellations, so we are reaching out to those who have generously helped us in the past. Meals can be dropped off any night, but groups are welcome to stay on Monday or Thursday nights to interact with the students.



We have many dates open! It is a great way for Sunday School classes, small groups, coworkers, and/or families to volunteer together. Volunteer here: <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=LWCO6060>.



Or scan this code to sign up:

On the meal calendar, we list detailed information on how many meals are needed, what can be accepted and drop off times, etc. Please help us spread the word and share this need with others at your church, work or with friends that you think may be interested in this volunteer opportunity.

Please feel free to contact Shelley Alley at [salley@bcamemphis.org](mailto:salley@bcamemphis.org) if you have any questions.

**GPC's Special Needs Ministry Offers Volunteer Opportunities.** Registration for the Memphis Joy Prom is OPEN & 400-500 more volunteers are needed! Follow the link below in your digital bulletin or scan QR code to locate the registration page.



<https://forms.fellowshipone.com/?formId=f78bfl6e-b870-4790-b876-d553dc7a955e>. The registration page includes many ways to offer monetary donations. You can also see other ways to support Memphis Joy Prom.

Can't volunteer on April 29? Other ways to support MJP/get involved: volunteers are also needed for Dress Fest on April 1 and 2 at 2PC.

#### Important Notes for Donations:

- > The tuxedo rental cost has risen to \$75 each this year; the page will soon be updated to reflect this change.
- > Various individually wrapped candies for Grove Park goody bags. Perhaps you can offer your time assembling or distributing goody bags or both. Donation deadline = Tuesday, April 5.
- > Snacks and bottled water for volunteers. Donation deadline = Friday, April 22.
- > Flower arrangements.

For more information, please contact Jackie Williams in the office: [jackiew@gpctn.org](mailto:jackiew@gpctn.org) or 901-754-5195.

**GPC's Easter Egg Hunt is on – scheduled for Palm Sunday, April 10!** We need the congregation's help to gather enough candy and plastic eggs. Please bring individually wrapped candy (no chocolate please) and plastic egg donations to the Activity Center lobby by Sunday, April 3. Remember, the candy has to be small enough to fit in a plastic egg. If you are interested in volunteering with this event, please contact Sherrie Horner at [sherriehorner@gmail.com](mailto:sherriehorner@gmail.com).

*At Eastertide, it is a tradition to decorate the church with Easter lilies given in memory or honor of loved ones.* If you would like to take part in this tradition, please fill out an envelope located on tables in the AC lobby, the AC itself, and/or the Welcome Center and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Monday, April 11. Donations in any amount are welcome. Please write *Easter Flowers* in the check memo line. Or you can make your dedication and donation online by clicking [here](#) in your digital bulletin or scan this QR code.




*The flowering cross* is found in Christian art as early as the sixth century and is based on a legend that says that the cross itself burst into bloom at the moment that Jesus died. The legend of the True Cross describes how the wood of the cross came from a tree that sprang from a seed taken from the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden.

In spite of its function as a brutal form of execution, the cross stands at the center of our faith as a symbol of life. There can be no Easter without Good Friday, no Resurrection without the Crucifixion. Indeed, the cross, rather than the empty tomb, has held the place of honor as the primary symbol of the Christian faith.

A modern expression of this idea may be found in the custom of flowering the cross. On Easter morning, flowers are used to decorate a cross. So, on Easter Sunday, please bring flowers of any kind and place them on the cross in the church yard near the Arthur Road entry. Since it will be conveniently placed for access, this is a great opportunity for everyone - old, young, and in between - to participate and take photos of their families. Let our flowering cross celebrate the beauty of God's creation, glorify Him, give thanks for His many blessings, and honor the new life Christ's sacrifice upon the cross has given us.

### *Mission Opportunity!*

Our neighbors at Germantown United Methodist Church are hosting a blood drive on Sunday, March 27, and have invited anyone from GPC who wants to do so to participate. See the instructions in the graphics below for sign-up information. Come donate a pint and receive a pint!



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BLOOD DONORS ARE LIFE-SAVERS.

## SAVE A LIFE, GIVE BLOOD.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27 | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM**  
GERMANTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
PARKING LOT NEXT TO PRESCHOOL  
*Enjoy juice and donuts in the Fellowship Hall afterward.*  
Schedule your appointment at [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org). Blood drive code: QGUMC



## VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE

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