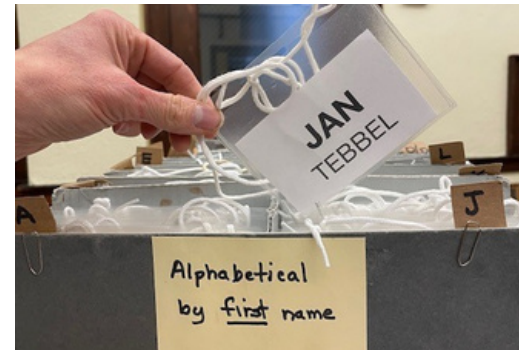


Weekly Calendar and Upcoming Events

Sun, May 5	11:00am Sunday Worship Service - Pastors Alisa & Gabe preaching 12:15pm Linger Lunch 12:30pm New-ish to FUMCOG? - join us in the Gribbel Room 12:45pm Handbell rehearsal
Mon, May 6	9:00am Walking Group
Tue, May 7	5:00pm BLM Vigil
Wed, May 8	1:30pm Weekly Bible Study via tinyurl.com/zoomcog
Thu, May 9	10:00am Holy Trouble
Fri, May 10	5:00pm Ukraine Vigil
Sun, May 12	9:30am Adult Academy: Reparations with Conversations on Race 11:00am Sunday Worship Service - Pastors Gabe preaching 12:15pm Linger Lunch 12:45pm Handbell rehearsal

Get Your Name Tags, Please!

Beloveds, it is so wonderful to have new faces and see familiar ones. One way we can support our growing community is to wear a name tag on Sundays. It both helps our new friends as well as those of us with older minds and memories! :). So please stop by the table at the High Street entrance to pick up your name tag before worship. Special thanks to Janet Tebbel and Ella Davis for helping us update the name tags.



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The First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG) is a diverse, urban community of faith that seeks to experience and worship God through Jesus' message of love and inclusion and the mystery of grace expressed through his life. We affirm our commitment by working together, taking risks for social justice and peace in our community, our city, our nation, and our world.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 • 11 AM



First United Methodist Church of Germantown

Sunday, May 5, 2024 11:00AM

Welcome To All Coming To Worship!

All people of all ages are invited to full participation in the engaging worship and outreaching mission and ministry of the church. We strongly encourage all persons to sing the gender nouns and pronouns they prefer in referring to God.

Congregational responses are in bold type.

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

W&S - Worship & Song

Carillon Prelude

“Ode to Joy” L. van Beethoven, arr. F. DellaPenna

Acknowledgements

As a faith congregation, we acknowledge that this is a pivotal moment in American history and that our mission is clearly laid out in the Gospel of Jesus.

We acknowledge our mission to:

- seek justice for black and brown people of all genders and orientations
- dismantle systems of bias and racism
- call out those who protect the power of state-sponsored violence against black and brown bodies,
- and re-center the voices of the marginalized of our community and society.

We acknowledge our part in perpetuating white norms of language, style, worship, behavior, and culture, and, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we acknowledge the truth that Black Lives Matter.

We acknowledge that this service of worship is being held on the traditional lands of the Lenape people, and we pay respect to elders past and present.

We affirm the sacredness of Native people, their languages, their cultures and their gifts to the church and the world.

Prelude

Prelude on “Hymn to Joy” arr. by Jason D. Payne

Call to Worship *Standing with body and spirit*

God is calling us
 Out of the places we hide
 Out of insecurity
 Out of shame
 Out of despair and indifference
 Out from under that which silences love and justice.

Come out, people of God!

Though we may be afraid
 Though we will be at risk
 Though the cross stands as a threat

God calls us to courage!

Our God is one of resurrection. Of new life after devastation. Of hope in the grip of despair.
 And so we dare to proclaim, with pride and faith, our truths:

We believe in the power of love.

We believe in solidarity with the suffering.

We believe we are each valuable.

We believe that our togetherness is transformative.

The world is longing for Holy truths that reveal;

for voices that speak real words of hope.

Come out, people of God!

We come out ready to live as people of justice and joy!

Opening Hymn *Standing with body and spirit*

UMH 89 - “Joyful, Joyful”

Invitation to Passing the Peace

On Communion Sundays, we do not have a children’s message. In lieu of a children’s message, the children are invited to join us during holy communion later in the service.

Contemporary Reading

excerpt from “The Wiz” by Charlie Smalls
(see insert for full text)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 96:1-3
(see insert for full text) John 11:38-44

Sermon

Rev. Alisa Lasater Wailoo
Rev. Noé Gabe López

Hymn

Standing with body and spirit
W&S 3149 - “For Everyone Born”
(see insert)

Connections and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

FUMCOG Choir
“A Brand New Day” by Luther Vandross
arr. by Anita Cracauer

The Great Thanksgiving

(see insert)

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Mother-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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

All are invited to come forward to join in Holy Communion. Simply follow the direction of the ushers and the pastors. The bread is NOT gluten-free and the cup is grape juice. If you prefer gluten-free, simply ask the server to provide a gluten-free cracker. If you prefer not to receive the elements but would simply like to come forward for a blessing, please share that with the Pastor as you approach. We are honored to join in this sacred meal with you.

Closing Hymn

Standing with body and spirit
W&S 3154 - “Draw the Circle Wide”
(see insert)

Benediction

Postlude

Variations on “Ash Grove” arr. by Joseph Martin

Bruce McNeel, cover design

Barbara Revere, liturgist

Mandonnah Mahallati, tech

Alan Symonette, tech

Dan Ross, tech

Janet Tebbel, carillon

Jodi Acker Bohr, piano & organ

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Clara Arrecis, aka Gabriela, and her daughter, Luz Morales, in memory of their beloved son and brother. On May 1, 2022 earth lost one of its angels. Today we remember and honor the life of Emmanuel “Manny” Morales. We miss you more than words can express. Even though you are no longer here, your memory lives in our hearts forever.



Upcoming Dates

- Philomusica Concert
May 19 at 4pm
- EPA Annual Conference
May 21-23 at Wildwood, NJ
- Uncle Bobbies Events
June 4 & 7 at 7pm, Volunteers needed!
- Celebration and blessing of Pastor Gabe on his last Sunday, June 9.

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www.fumcog.org

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Prayers for FUMCOG Friends and Family

Please know that we are thinking about and praying with you.

For **Amanda Willis**, Rich Gardner's niece, who passed her bar exam *twice!* Her highest score of 289 makes her eligible to begin her practice in 38 states.

For **Sylvia Bolden** who was in the hospital last week with a generalized infection. They have corrected the source, so Sylvia is doing better and back at Simpson House.

For the birth of **Loretta Ann Horton**, who was delivered to Carrie & Freedom on Thursday, April 11th. Carrie and Freedom are abundantly grateful for this new blessing in their lives and we are grateful for them!

For **Priscilla Schaffer** and her healing through some ongoing medical challenges.

For **Jean Walker** as she recovers from a recent back procedure but slower than expected. Jean is currently at Chestnut Hill Hospital, preparing for another procedure.

For healing for **James Lozenski**, brother of Barry Lozenski, as he faces complicated medical treatments.

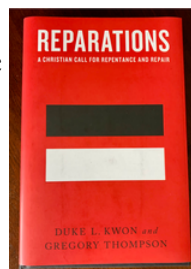
For **Holly Jahnke**, Lucy & David Hill's niece, who requires a double hip replacement before receiving her cancer treatment.

Continued prayers for **Lucretia Browning** who is recovering from further complications caused by the flu.

Adult Academy Sunday Mornings at 9:30

May 12: Reparations and Moving Forward

Conversations on Religion and Race will lead an important discussion where possible actions for FUMCOG will be reviewed. This is the culmination of a year-long focus that has been discussed at 3 prior Adult Academies. Please join this important discussion.



Celebrate with Reconciling Ministries

Eastern Pennsylvania Reconciling Ministries Network/Methodist Federation for Social Action (RMN/MFSA) will gather virtually on **May 14 at 7 p.m.** to celebrate the General Conference's cleansing of homophobic provisions from the Book of Discipline

Please join in celebration of this historic event at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7774338352?omn=88345450356>.

Vigils at Unitarian Society of Germantown Church

BLM on Tuesdays at 5pm | Ukraine Support on Fridays at 5pm

Join fellow FUMCOGers and other local faith communities at the weekly vigils hosted by our friends of the Unitarian Society of Germantown. All are welcome to join these peaceful, family-friendly events in front of the USG Church at 6511 Lincoln Drive, weather permitting.



FOR OUR KIDS
Children are welcomed and beloved in our worship space! There are Kid Activity Bags by the door. There is also a children's space in the sanctuary's back corner.
Ask the ushers for more information.

Monthly Food Donations

Lucy & David Hill will take the next food donation to Janes UMC on Tuesday, May 21. You can drop items off on their porch at 512 Arbutus Street, Philadelphia, PA 19119. Or, you can bring your donation to FUMCOG. If you do so, please let the church office and Lucy or David know, so that we can connect with everyone.



As always, thank you all so much for your continued caring and support.
Blessings, Lucy and David Hill

REMINDER
There are hearing assistance devices located in the back of the church near our tech crew. If you need one, please ask an usher and they will be more than happy to help you receive one.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 96:1-3

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
 - 2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
 - 3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
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John 11:38-44

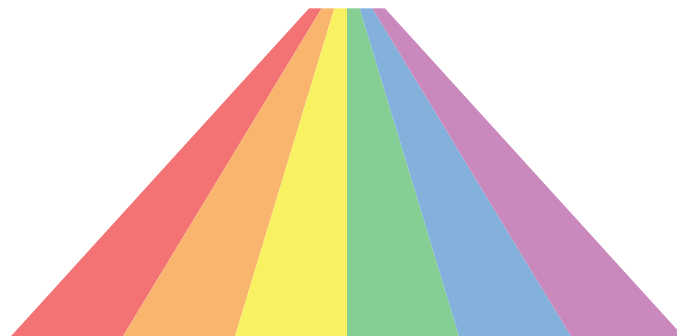
Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' 40Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' 41So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' 43When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' 44The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Contemporary Reading

Dorothy singing: When I think of home, I think of a place where there's love overflowing. I wish I was home, I wish I was back there with the things I been knowing....

Time, be my friend, let me start again. Suddenly my world's gone and changed its face, but I still know where I'm going. I have had my mind spun around in space, and yet I've watched it growing. And if you're listening, God, please don't make it hard to know if we should believe in the things that we see. Tell us, should we run away, should we try and stay, or would it be better just to let things be? Living here, in this brand new world might be a fantasy, but it taught me to love, so it's real, real to me. And I've learned that we must look inside our hearts to find a world full of love, like yours, like mine. Like home!

from "The Wiz" by Charlie Smalls



The Holy One be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

Our hearts are open to God.

Let us give thanks and praise to the Holy One.

We give you thanks, O God!

With gratitude, O God, we remember that it is through you we are made truly alive. Every creature and creation – the tiny ones, the scaly ones, the human ones, the leafy ones – all that is has been shaped by you. There is nothing on this earth that has not been touched by your Sacred hand. In your love for us, you claim us – individually and as a whole – as your beloveds, created in your image, with sacred worth.

You will for us life abundant and you invite us into co-working with you towards a world where harmony among all life is restored.

And yet, daily, we turn away from you and one another. Destructive and divisive powers lure us away from connection and relationship. We become frustrated and try to forge our own paths. Like those who turned on Jesus when things became too difficult, we too are tempted to desert those most vulnerable or give up on loving on our enemies.

But you do not abandon us to our fear or sin. In the life of Jesus, Love enfleshed, we are shown that the invitation to join in your work of transforming and healing and restoring is always open. No matter our past. No matter our regrets. No matter the wrong done to us or the wrong we have done to others, you keep calling us back to you.

This relentless invitation of yours that entices with freedom and joy and forgiveness is such a threat to empire that it still attempts to crucify every incarnation of your love today. And so, we are reminded of the witness of Jesus.

On the night of his arrest, he gathered around a table with his companions.

He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

He did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant."

And so in remembrance of the One who never gave up on love, we pray that Your Spirit would make us one in our commitment to the liberation of all your creatures and creations. Pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup, and each of us gathered here, that through these ordinary gifts, we might taste the sweetness of your Kin-dom and catch a glimpse of what we are capable of becoming together. Make us one with you, one with each other and one in ministry with all the world until Christ comes back and we feast together at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

And now let us pray together the words Christ taught us saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Mother-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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.