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We Gather in God's Name

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**As We Prepare for Worship**

“Forgive me for being so ordinary while claiming to know so extraordinary a God.” – Jim Elliot

**Prelude**    “How Can I Keep from Singing?”    Lowry, arr. Smith

**Gathering Words** *Psalm 136:1-9 (CEB)*

Give thanks to the LORD because God is good.

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

Give thanks to the God of all gods –

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

Give thanks to the Lord of all lords –

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

Give thanks to the only one who makes great wonders –

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

Give thanks to the one who made the skies with skill –

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

Give thanks to the one who shaped the earth on the water –

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

Give thanks to the one who made the great lights –

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

The sun to rule the day –

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

The moon and the stars to rule the night –

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

**Gathering Song #32** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”  
(*The music is printed on page 10 of the bulletin.*)

**Call to Prayer**

In God’s steadfast love we offer praise and thanksgiving, confession and petition. Let us come before the Lord in prayer.

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession** – *from Matthew 14:23-30*

Lord of compassion and healing, we offer you our songs and words of praise.

**In your loving faithfulness, you guide us in times of abundance and scarcity.**

When the storms of life surround us, threatening to overwhelm us, you come to us in our darkness.

**But we don’t always see you clearly.**

You call out to us, but we let the wind and the rain distract us from your voice. You tell us you are with us, but we focus on the waves that surround us. We hold on to the false security of this world, even when you call us to step upon the water.

**Jesus, forgive our fear. Forgive our doubts. Forgive our unwillingness to trust in you.**

*silent confession*

God in your mercy.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Words of Life** *Matthew 14:28-33 (NRSV)*

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

**But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”**

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**Our Response #621** “I Will Call upon the Lord”  
*(The music is printed on page 11 of the bulletin.)*

### **The Peace**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

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## **God’s Word Comes Alive**

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### **Prayer for Illumination**

Give thanks to the Lord who still speaks!

**God’s faithful love lasts forever!**

And to Jesus, the Living Word, who still calls us!

**God’s faithful love lasts forever!**

And to the Spirit who enables us to hear and live God’s Word!

**God’s faithful love lasts forever!**

Amen.

### **A Reading from the Epistles** 1 Peter 2:4-10 (CEB)

<sup>4</sup>Now you are coming to [Christ] as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God’s perspective it is chosen, valuable. <sup>5</sup>You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being

made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> Thus it is written in scripture, *Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable. The person who believes in him will never be shamed.*

<sup>7</sup> So God honors you who believe. For those who refuse to believe, though, the stone the builders tossed aside has become the capstone. <sup>8</sup> This is a stone that makes people stumble and a rock that makes them fall. Because they refuse to believe in the word, they stumble. Indeed, this is the end to which they were appointed.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his amazing light. <sup>10</sup> Once you weren't a people, but now you are God's people. Once you hadn't received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**A Reading from the Old Testament** 2 Samuel 24:20-25 (CEB)

<sup>20</sup> Araunah looked up and saw the king and his servants approaching him. Araunah rushed out and bowed low before the king, his nose to the ground. <sup>21</sup> Araunah said, "Why has my master and king come to his servant?"

David said, "To buy this threshing floor from you to build an altar to the LORD, so the plague among the people may come to an end."

<sup>22</sup> Then Araunah said to David, "Take it for yourself, and may my master the king do what he thinks is best. Here are oxen for the entirely burned offering, and here are threshing boards and oxen yokes for wood. <sup>23</sup> All this, Your Majesty, Araunah gives to the

king.” Then he added, “May the LORD your God respond favorably to you!”

<sup>24</sup> “No,” the king said to Araunah. “I will buy them from you at a fair price. I won’t offer up to the LORD my God entirely burned offerings that cost me nothing.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. <sup>25</sup> David built an altar there for the LORD and offered entirely burned offerings and well-being sacrifices. The LORD responded to the prayers for the land, and the plague against Israel came to an end.

**Message**      “Giving to the Lord”      Rev. Michelle Henrichs

### **Our Sung Response #716**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”  
*(The music is printed on page 12 of the bulletin.)*

### **Prayer**

### **Stewardship Video**

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## **God’s Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks**

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### **Call to Offering**

We celebrate the many blessings of our shared life together. While we have participated and offered ourselves in these ministries, they first and foremost are gifts from God. As we bring and dedicate our offerings to the God whose faithful love lasts forever, let us not offer what costs us nothing. Let us bring our best to God.

**Doxology #390** “Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”  
*(The music is printed on page 13 of the bulletin.)*

**Prayer of Dedication** *(Please read responsively.)*

Give thanks to the Lord because God is good.

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

We offer these gifts to further God's work in the world.

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

We dedicate our pledges with grateful hearts –

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

That they would be faithful representations of God's call on our life.

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

Give thanks to the Lord who has blessed us –

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

And has enabled us to be a blessing to others.

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

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**God Goes with Us into the World**

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**Sending Song #697** “Take My Life”

*(The music is printed on page 14 of the bulletin.)*

**Benediction**

**Postlude** “How Firm a Foundation”

Early American melody, arr. Davis and Beaney



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**Today and This Week at Heritage**

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10:00 a.m. Virtual Worship  
Liturgist

Rev. Michelle Henrichs  
Jan Tesch

11:00 a.m. Fellowship via Zoom



## *Our Ongoing Prayer List*

Karen Anderson, Roxanne Lawrence, Jean Ripple, Pat Zebrick,  
and Jane Arloszynski's brother Earl Duckwall

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### **Announcements**

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#### *Important News from Heritage*

While Tudor Oaks is closed to outside visitors, we will still be worshipping. Pastor Michelle will prepare a video worship service that will be available on our website:

(<https://www.heritagechurchmuskego.com>) by 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. Even if we can't be together in person, we can still be together in Spirit.

If you have any questions or are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Michelle ([mahenrichs@gmail.com](mailto:mahenrichs@gmail.com)).

#### *Prayer and Meditation via Zoom*

Please join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 3:00 p.m. for a Prayer and Meditation gathering via Zoom. Our next meeting date is November 25. The information is below (same link each week) and it is also set up as an event on our Facebook page.

<https://zoom.us/j/730001908?pwd=a2Y2K2thUUxzZnR1L01kL0pwdjQ2QT09>

Audio only using any phone (you will need to enter meeting ID and password): 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 730 001 908 | Password: 056113

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“Take My Life”

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# 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y  
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.  
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

# I Will Call upon the Lord 621

*Part 1 (melody)*      D      G      D      G      D      G

I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-thy to be

*Part 2 (echo)*

I will call up-on the Lord

*Part 3*      D      G      D      G      D      G

praised. So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies.

*Part 4*

who is wor-thy to be praised. So shall I be

*Part 5*      D      G      D      G      D      G      A

I will call up-on the Lord.

*Part 6*

saved from my en - e - mies. I will call up-on the Lord.

*Refrain*

*Part 7*      D      G      D      G

The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-

*Part 8*      D      G      A      D      G

va-tion be ex - alt - ed. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock,

*Part 9*      D      G      D      G      A      A7      D

and let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex - alt - ed.

# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)  
F Dm B $\flat$

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)  
F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)  
B $\flat$  F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F $\sharp$ m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)  
Dm Am Dm B $\flat$  C F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)  
Dm B $\flat$  F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

# Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! 390

*Louez le Seigneur!*

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!  
*Lou - ez le Sei - gneur! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!*

Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia!  
*Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!*

# Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.