

# Heritage Presbyterian Church

Jan. 31, 2021      4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time      10:00 a.m.

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We Gather in God's Name

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## As We Prepare for Worship

Where then is my hope? My hope – who can see it?

~ Job 17:15 (CEB)

**Prelude**      “Come, All You Servants of the Lord”  
 (“Prelude on *Danby*”) English melody, arr. Smith

## Gathering Words *Psalm 33:1-8 (CEB)*

All you who are righteous shout joyfully to the LORD!

**It's right for those who do right to praise God.**

Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre! Sing praises with the ten-stringed harp!

**We sing to the LORD a new song! We play our best with joyful shouts!**

Because the LORD's word is right and every act is done in good faith. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the LORD's faithful love fills the whole earth.

**The skies were made by the LORD's word, all their starry multitude by the breath of God's mouth.**

The LORD gathered the ocean waters into a heap; put the deep seas into storerooms.

**With all the earth, we honor the LORD; standing in awe with all the earth's inhabitants.**

## **Gathering Song #611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

*(The music is printed on page 10 of the bulletin.)*

### **Call to Prayer**

Praying, we seek to be faithful to the hope that has saved us.

### **Prayer of Confession and Adoration**

God of Abundance, you created us in your image, forming us from the dirt of the earth and breathing into us the breath of life.

**What greater gift could there be?**

God of Hope, you took on humanity and conquered sin and death so that we could live.

**What greater gift could there be?**

God of Grace, in response to our faith and because of your love, you gifted us with the fruit of the Spirit.

**What greater gift could there be?**

God of Life, through Jesus we are your children. We are co-heirs with Christ. You have given us a taste of the Kingdom of Heaven and invited us to share in your holy work.

**What greater gift could there be?**

But you are also the God of mystery – of things we cannot fully understand. We have good intentions of investing the life, gift, and calling you have bestowed upon us. But sometimes we are unsure.

**We are afraid to go where we do not feel safe.**

We are afraid to challenge systems of injustice because it seems too difficult.

**We are afraid to say we belong to you when others scoff at our faith.**

We are afraid to commit our time and resources in case something better comes along.

**We are afraid to speak our doubts because we may not find answers.**

We are afraid of the power of your Good News and the response it requires in our hearts and lives.

**From these fears, O God, release us.**

*silent confession*

Amen.

**Words of Life** *John 14:27 (NRSV)*

Jesus says, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

**In the peace of Christ, we find forgiveness.**

**Our Response #614** “Great Are You, 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** – *from Colossians 3:2-4*

Proclaimed in creation, revealed in Christ, made known in the Spirit, make known your Word to us. Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to think about the things of heaven in the midst of the things of earth. Amen.

**A Reading from the Psalms** Psalm 42 (NRSV)

- 1 As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.
- 2 My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while people say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”
- 4 These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the throng,  
and led them in procession to the house of God,  
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.
- 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help <sup>6</sup> and my God.
- My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.
- 7 Deep calls to deep  
at the thunder of your cataracts;  
all your waves and your billows  
have gone over me.
- 8 By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

9 I say to God, my rock,  
“Why have you forgotten me?  
Why must I walk about mournfully  
because the enemy oppresses me?”  
10 As with a deadly wound in my body,  
my adversaries taunt me,  
while they say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**A Reading from the Epistles** Romans 8:18-25 (NRSV)

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**Message**

“Tension”

Rev. Michelle Henrichs

**Hymn #840** “When Peace like a River”

*(The music is printed on pages 12-13 of the bulletin.)*

**Prayer**

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

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### **Call to Offering and Prayer of Dedication** – *with Psalm 42*

There are times when the hope in which we are saved seems tangible. We behold the beauty of nature, feel the embrace of someone who comforts us, feel joy overflowing. But there are other times when hope seems elusive. As we take this time to reflect on what we offer to God, let us consider where our hope is now. Are we thirsting for God like the deer at the stream? Do we hear God singing over us? How does our hope continue to save us?

*time for silent reflection*

**God of hope and life, whether we have glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving on our lips or we sit in silence with a downcast soul, we give thanks that you are always with us. As we trust in our hope in you, we offer you the gifts of our lives. May they share our praise and offer comfort to those who receive them. Amen.**

**Doxology #240** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (verse 4)  
*(The music is printed on page 14 of the bulletin.)*

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## **God Goes with Us into the World**

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**Sending Song #817** “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”  
*(The music is printed on page 15 of the bulletin.)*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Day of Glory”

Barnett





**Birthday** Feb. 1 Eliza Giuliani

**Anniversary** Feb. 6 Guy & Louise Osborn

### **In Our Prayers**

If there are any prayer requests you would like to share, please send them to [roxannelawrence77@gmail.com](mailto:roxannelawrence77@gmail.com) or post them on Heritage's website and Roxanne will send them out.

#### *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 at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 3 for a Prayer and Meditation gathering via Zoom. 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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# 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;  
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a-bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

# Great Are You, Lord

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## Great Is the Lord

C Dm G C F G



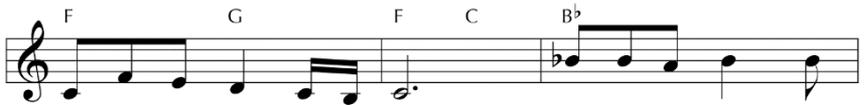
Great are you, Lord: you are ho-ly and just; by your pow-er we trust in your

F C C Dm G C



love. Great are you, Lord: you are faith-ful and true; by your

F G F C B<sup>b</sup>



mer - cy you prove you are love. Great are you, Lord, and

F C B<sup>b</sup> G C



wor-thy of glo - ry! Great are you, Lord, and wor - thy of praise.

B<sup>b</sup> D G E Am



Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:

Dm G Am Am/G Dm G C



great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

## 840

## When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

## Refrain

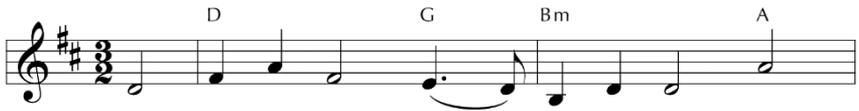
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 with my soul;

it is well; it is well with my soul.

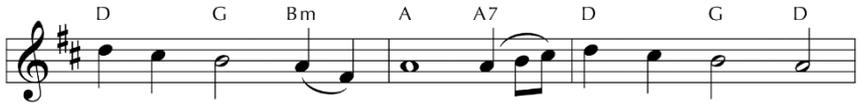
The image shows a musical score for the hymn "It is well with my soul." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The score ends with a double bar line.



# 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.