

Heritage Presbyterian Church

Feb. 14, 2021

Transfiguration of the Lord

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

As We Prepare for Worship

Love takes off masks that we fear we cannot live without – and know we cannot live within. ~ James Baldwin

Prelude

“Prelude on *Beach Spring*”
Sacred Harp tune, arr. Ritter

Gathering Words *Song of Songs 7:10-12 (NRSV)*

We are our beloved's, and our beloved's desire is for us.

Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the fields, and lodge in the villages.

Let us go out early to the vineyards, and see whether the vines have budded, whether the grape blossoms have opened, and the pomegranates are in bloom.

There I will give you my love.

Gathering Song #366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

(The music is printed on pages 10-11 of the bulletin.)

Call to Prayer Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV)

Jesus says to us: “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Let us come together in prayer to release our burdens and find rest for our souls.

Prayer of Confession and Adoration

Paraphrase, 1 Corinthians 13

Lord, if we were to speak with only our human words – or even the words of angels – but there is no love in them, we only add to the noise and chaos of the world. If our words are wise and knowledge deep – or even if we have all the faith in the world and rid ourselves of everything – without love, they have no true power. They are empty.

Jesus, your love is patient and kind.

You did not come to boast or be arrogant or put us in our rightful place. Rather than being irritable or resentful – or even say, “I told you so,” – in response to our sin and stubbornness, you simply love us more.

You show us the truth about love.

Things of this world will come to an end. We will find the possessions or power in which we foolishly place our hope to be incomplete. And the worldly things we think we know will turn out to be false.

Teach us to love in a way that bears the shortcomings of others.

Teach us about love that believes in the truth of your Word;

shares hope in all situations;

and endures suffering.

silent confession

For we know that love never ends,

and nothing is greater than that. Amen.

Words of Life *1 John 3:1, 3 (CEB)*

See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God’s children, and that is what we are!

And everyone who has this hope in God purifies themselves even as God is pure.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Our Response #614 “Great Are You, Lord”

(The music is printed on page 12 of the bulletin.)

The Peace

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

And also with you.

God’s Word Comes Alive

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, whisper into our hearts your words of truth. Amen.

A Reading from the Torah Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (CEB)

¹⁵ The LORD God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it. ¹⁶ The LORD God commanded the human, “Eat your fill from all of the garden’s trees; ¹⁷ but don’t eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it, you will die!”

^{3:1} The snake was the most intelligent of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say that you shouldn’t eat from any tree in the garden?”

² The woman said to the snake, “We may eat the fruit of the garden’s trees ³ but not the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, ‘Don’t eat from it, and don’t touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴ The snake said to the woman, “You won’t die! ⁵ God knows that on the day you eat from it, you will see clearly and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ The woman saw that the tree was beautiful with delicious food and that the tree would

provide wisdom, so she took some of its fruit and ate it, and also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

⁷ Then they both saw clearly and knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made garments for themselves.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 4:1-11 (NRSV)

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Message “The Lies We Believe” Rev. Michelle Henrichs

Hymn #703 “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”
(The music is printed on page 13 of the bulletin.)

Prayer

God’s Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks

Call to Offering and Prayer of Dedication 1 Peter 4:8 (NRSV)

Peter writes, “Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.” Constant love is impossible for us, but we can always learn to love more. As you reflect on the ways you have been loved by God, how are you being called to love others better?

Our love for others can cover the sins of others as we forgive. Our love for self, and accepting the love of others, also strengthens us to avoid sin by withstanding our own temptations. What temptation is confronting you, and how will love empower you to resist it?

Love is a gift, an offering, that does not cost us nothing. Let us share the love lavished on us with others through our offering.

Assured of the love of Jesus, we freely offer our tithes and offerings to God. May they share the love of Jesus with others. Amen.

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

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Each week, we remember two families in prayer. We thank God for them, ask God's blessing upon them and God's presence with them. Please keep these highlighted families and the other listed people and places in your personal prayers throughout the week.

Highlighted Families: Ron & Ginni Kohler
 Harold & Karen Anderson

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Presbytery of New Hope, NC
 The people of Switzerland

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Sri Lanka

Birthdays	Feb. 15	Ellie Soderland
	Feb. 18	Guy Osborn
	Feb. 19	Glenn Kozicki

In Our Prayers

If there are any prayer requests you would like to share, please send them to 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 Arloszyski's brother Earl Duckwall

Announcements

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).

New Link for Wednesday Prayer and Meditation

Here is the new Wednesday Prayer and Meditation link:

Join Zoom Meeting

[Wednesday Prayer and Meditation](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86596795205?pwd=eDZ5Q1hiS3BtR0ZXdWtSVnI3Vncvdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 9679 5205

Passcode: 344339

Please see the Heritage Weekly News for the Lenten Prayer and Meditation schedule.

New Link for Coffee Hour

Here is the new Coffee Hour link:

[Coffee Hour](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85794374285?pwd=aW5HR0p0UmpQaVNsU2hUTXZZU05OZz09>

Meeting ID: 857 9437 4285

Passcode: 843679

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“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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“Great Are You, Lord”

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“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

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“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

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“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Text: Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young*, 1836, alt.

Music: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859, alt.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



The first system of music features a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and Bb4. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same musical structure and key signature.



The third system continues the melody and accompaniment, with the treble staff showing a melodic line and the bass staff providing harmonic support.

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



The fourth system continues the musical setting, with the treble staff carrying the vocal line and the bass staff providing accompaniment.



The fifth system continues the melody and accompaniment, showing the progression of the hymn's text.

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



The sixth system concludes the musical setting for this page, with the treble staff ending on a half note G4 and the bass staff providing a final accompaniment.

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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^b

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

F C B^b G C

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

B^b 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!

703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

Please sing verse 4.

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant



- 1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,



Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.



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1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.

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