

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday in Lent  
Sacrament of Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

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**We Gather in God's Name**

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**As We Prepare for Worship**

Discipleship is more than turning over a new leaf. It is more fitful and disorderly than gradual moral formation. Nothing less than daily, often painful, lifelong death will do. So Paul seems to know not whether to call what happened to him on the Damascus Road “birth” or “death” – it felt like both at the same time.

– William Willimon in “Repent”

**Prelude**      “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”      Maker, arr. Schram

**\*Gathering Words**    *Psalm 85:8-10 (NRSV)*

Let us hear what God the LORD will speak, for the Lord will speak peace to the people, to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

**Surely the Lord's salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, that God's glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

**righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

Let us worship the Lord!

**\*Gathering Song #372**    “O for a World”

**Call to Prayer**    – *with Micah 6:8*

The call of God is to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly.  
Let us answer God's call with prayer.

**Our Prayer of Seeking** – *from Jeremiah 8:8-11*

Jesus, Prince of Peace, your very nature seems to elude us. We claim to be wise but use our knowledge to wage war. We seek our own gain despite the need we see around us. We betray those around us in order to build ourselves up.

**We say, “Peace, peace,” when there is no peace.**

Help us to see where we lie to ourselves – where we seek to believe that peace is something we sue for, rather than a choice we make.

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

As a sign of our confession, we extinguish the candle of false peace. May we search instead for your peace, which surpasses all understanding.

*silent confession*

Amen.

**Assurance of Our Pardon** *Isaiah 54:10 (NRSV)*

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

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

**Our Response #59** “The Steadfast Love of the Lord” *refrain*

**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

God of Peace, knowing that you desire us to know your Word, may your Spirit descend upon us so that we might receive your words of life today. Amen.

### A Reading from the Prophets Micah 4:1-5 (NRSV)

**4** In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

<sup>2</sup> and many nations shall come and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> He shall judge between many peoples,  
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more;

<sup>4</sup> but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,  
and no one shall make them afraid;  
for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

<sup>5</sup> For all the peoples walk,  
each in the name of its god,  
but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God  
forever and ever.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Anthem** “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” Temple

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles** Acts 9:1-20 (NRSV)

**9** Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup> He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his

hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”<sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,<sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,<sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

**Message** “An Instrument of Peace: Where There Is Hatred, Love”  
Rev. Michelle Henrichs

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**God Is Made Known to Us  
Through the Breaking of Bread**

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**Communion**

Welcome

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

*Please use whichever words are most familiar to you.*

Invitation

Sharing in the Cup and Loaf

*We will be celebrating the Sacrament by intinction. All who desire to be fed by Jesus are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. There are no requirements of membership. The elements are gluten- and alcohol-free.*

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, the bread and the cup remind us how good you are. You nourish us in our journey of faith, reminding us that you are always with us. As we journey through Lent, prepare us to hear your call.

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

As we receive your peace, may we see where we can share it with others. Guide us in our words and actions.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love.**

We give you thanks for who you are and the blessing of being called your people.

**Amen.**

## **Our Shared Life**

*Welcome, members, guests and residents of Tudor Oaks! We hope that you will join us again soon. Please sign the red fellowship folder as it is passed and read the announcements in the bulletin. Please use the microphone to share any announcements you may have.*

## **Minute for Mission**

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

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## **Call to Offering**

Reconciled to God and one another through the peace of Christ, let us continue to worship with our offering.

**Offertory**                      “Always Remember”                      Sewell

**\*Doxology #612** “We Praise You, O God” *verse 1 only*

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

**Holy God, we offer you these gifts so that your love may be known. We pray for the well-being and peace of those who receive their benefits. We pray this whether they be enemy or friend, knowing that all are beloved by you. Amen.**

**\*Sending Song #307** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

## **Benediction**

### *The Peace Prayer*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.

**Postlude**      “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”      Springer



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**Today and This Week at Heritage**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

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9:20 a.m. Choir rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. Worship:                      Rev. Michelle Henrichs  
                  Liturgist:                      Connie Fellows  
                  Communion:                      Judi Fellows  
                  Ushers/Greeters:              Steve & Donna Seeker  
                  Set-up / Take-down:        Ron Kohler and helpers  
11:00 a.m. Congregational meeting  
                  Wired Word (following the congregational meeting)  
                  Fellowship time

Refreshments: Judi Fellows

**Monday**

5:30 p.m. Session meeting

**Tuesday**

1:00 p.m. NO Pastor's Bible Study

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**Next Sunday, March 24 at Heritage  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Sacrament of Holy Communion**

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10:00 a.m. Worship:	Rev. Michelle Henrichs
Liturgist:	Brandy Bohman
Communion:	Gigi Sheridan
Ushers/Greeters:	Glenn & Gigi Sheridan
Set-up/Take-down:	Ron Kohler & helpers
11:00 a.m. Fellowship time	
Refreshments:	still needed

**A Visit with the Pastor**

Pastor Michelle is in the office on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 – 4:30. If you would like a visit with Pastor Michelle at another time, please contact her at 262-488-5100 or [mahenrichs@gmail.com](mailto:mahenrichs@gmail.com). You may also leave a message with the church office at 414-425-2050.

**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:	Bill & Sue Osborne Elizabeth and Andrew
Highlighted Families, cont.:	Becky Fellows
Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:	Newcastle Presbytery,



Session has chosen 3/17 as the date for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter stated annual meeting. Purposes for the meeting are to review the 2018 annual council reports, receive the 2019 budget and possibly elect members to the 2019 nominating committee. Please stay after worship to attend.

*The Wired Word Update*

The Wired Word will meet today after the annual meeting.

*Lunches for Larry Under the Bridge*

Heritage has volunteered to prepare lunches for Larry Under the Bridge. Remaining distribution dates are March 25 and April 1.

We are looking for volunteers to assemble lunches and shop for ingredients. When we are at Tudor Oaks, we will assemble after service. Please contact any member of the Mission Council for more info or to volunteer.

*Pastor's Bible Study Update*

The Bible Study group will not meet on Tuesday, March 19, but will resume on March 26. Join us as we reflect on the texts for the following Sunday. For more information, please contact Pastor Michelle at [mahenrichs@gmail.com](mailto:mahenrichs@gmail.com).

*Montreat Worship & Music, June 16-22*

Heritage is getting a group together to travel to North Carolina to attend [Montreat Worship & Music: Not As The World Gives](#), June 16-22. We're excited to get fresh ideas for the worship services we create for our mission projects.

Please let Sara Pforr know if you are interested in attending.

Thank you!

Sara

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