

Heritage Presbyterian Church

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent
Sacrament of Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Again & Again: We Are Shown the Way
~ *A Sanctified Art*

Much of today's liturgy is written by or adapted from Rev. Sarah Are of "A Sanctified Art."

We Gather in God's Name

As We Prepare for Worship

According to John, Jesus begins his ministry by showing more than telling. In the temple, Jesus disrupts and overturns the systems of corruption and profiteering taking place, but ultimately points us to the promise of restoration. Paul reminds the Corinthians (and us) that God's wisdom is more expansive than we can imagine. We are shown the way, even if God's way feels foolish, counter-cultural, disruptive, or uncomfortable.

~ *A Sanctified Art*

Prelude

"Humbly I Adore Thee"
13th century plainsong, arr. Butler

Gathering Words

Rev. Sarah Are

Again and again, we come to this space.

Again and again, we gather as a community.

Again and again, we move closer to God.

And again and again, God is here.

We are met. We are heard.

We are shown the way.

So again and again,

Let us worship holy God.

Gathering Song “Lord, Here We Are” Henrichs and Surprenant
(The music is printed on page 11 of the bulletin.)

Call to Prayer

Rev. Sarah Are

Science tells us that a person makes about 35,000 choices in a day. 35,000 choices each and every day! In the Prayer of Confession, we pause to take a moment to think and to ask: How many of our decisions are choices God would have us make? How many are not?

So let us pray together, knowing that we need guidance, and trusting that even if we fall, God is showing us the way.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Sarah Are, adapted

God of Justice, we are guilty of building tables.

We have built tables that oppression dines on, sexism thrives on, and racism lives on.

God of Justice, we are guilty of forgetting where we are.

We have turned faith into a negotiation tool and the church into a place for insiders.

God of Justice, we are guilty of ignoring the point.

For you taught that the temple was for worship and your message was for all.

God of our hearts, be in our decision making. Draw near to our choices.

Forgive our mistakes.

And as you do, flip every table, habit, belief, or point of view that needs adjusting.

With hope we pray for a better day. Amen.

Words of Life

Rev. Sarah Are, adapted

Family of faith, the good news is that God took on flesh and walked this earth to show us the way. God took on flesh so that we could see what it looks like to disrupt and overturn systems of corruption. God took on flesh to teach us another way and point us to restoration. God took on flesh so that we might be forgiven. Friends, we are held, loved, and forgiven by a just and merciful God.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Our Response #59 “The Steadfast Love of the 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

Rev. Sarah Are

Creator God, we don’t just want to listen. We want to hear you. We want to read scripture aloud and know that you are as close as you have always been. We want to read scripture aloud and feel your word resonating inside our bones. We want to read scripture aloud and have your words stuck in our heads like a melody, falling off our lips like a love song.

Creator God, we don’t just want to listen, we want to hear you.

So turn our hearts toward you, just as you turned strangers into disciples. Turn our ears toward you, just as you turned tables in the temple.

We are listening. Amen.

A Reading from the Epistles 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (CEB)

¹⁸ The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved. ¹⁹ It is written in scripture: *I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will reject the intelligence of the intelligent.*

²⁰ Where are the wise? Where are the legal experts? Where are today's debaters? Hasn't God made the wisdom of the world foolish? ²¹ In God's wisdom, he determined that the world wouldn't come to know him through its wisdom. Instead, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of preaching. ²² Jews ask for signs, and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, which is a scandal to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. ²⁴ But to those who are called – both Jews and Greeks – Christ is God's power and God's wisdom. ²⁵ This is because the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Gospels John 2:13-22 (NRSV)

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was

speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Message “Again & Again: We Are Shown the Way”
Rev. Michelle Henrichs

Response #345 “In an Age of Twisted Values”
(The music is printed on page 13 of the bulletin.)

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

Communion

Welcome

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Invitation

The Elements

Prayer after Communion

God’s Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks

Call to Offering

Like the priests and vendors in the marketplace, we come before God with the best of intentions. But also like these well-intentioned men, we can bring God what we think of as necessity – forgetting that God simply wants us. Jesus shows us the way, again and again. What offering do you bring today?

Offertory “Lord, Prepare Me”
Thompson & Scruggs, arr. Butler-Moore

Birthdays

March 8

Louise Symes

March 11

Jaden Chesner

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).

Link for Wednesday Prayer and Meditation 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

[Wednesday Prayer and Meditation](#)

Join Zoom Meeting (Wednesday Prayer and Meditation)

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

Meeting ID: 865 9679 5205

Passcode: 344339

Annual Meeting

Heritage's annual meeting will be via Zoom on Sunday, March 21, following worship.

Link for Coffee Hour

Here is the 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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“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

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“Amen, We Praise Your Name”

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“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.

Music: John Hughes, 1907

Lord, Here We Are

Text by Rev. Michelle Henrichs
Music by Heidi Surprenant

♩ = 54



Lord, here we are, a new day is dawn-ing, — chang-es that we could
For those with-out in-sur-ance or sav-ings, the lone-ly, the home-less,
From near and far, we gath-er to- geth-er, — each of us off-er-ing



not have fore-told. We find our-selves a-lone in our hous-es, —
those in great need, for doc-tors, nurs-es and all who tend us, the
peace, hope, and love. Though we are sep-ar-at-ed in bod-y, —



pray-ing for sick-ness not to take hold. Lord, here we are, the
fear-ful and tired and wear-y who plead. Lord, hear the cries of
we are made one through your grace and love. Lord, here we are: U-



well and the sick-ly. Lord, here we are, the aged and the young.
all of your peop-le. Lord, grant us faith and strength to be brave.
nite us to- geth-er. Lord, here we are, in wor-ship and prayer.



Lord, here we are, please hold us to- geth-er. May we find fel-low-ship
Though we're a-part, our voic-es are join-ing. We call out now to the
Lord, here we are, for we are your Bod-y. Bind us to- geth-er wher-



though we're far-flung. *(Interlude)*
God who can save.
ev-er we are.

59 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

(Psalm 105)

Capo 1: (D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A)
 Eb Eb/G Ab Bb7sus Bb

Refrain

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's
 (D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A7)
 Eb Eb/G Ab Bb7sus Bb7

mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are
 (G) (A) (F#m7) (Bm7) (Em7)
 Ab Bb Gm7 Cm7 Fm7

new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your
 (A7sus) (A7) (D) (A/C#)(Bm7) (Em7) (A7sus) (A7) (D)
 Bb7sus Bb7 Eb Bb/D Cm7 Fm7 Bb7sus Bb7 Eb

faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

In an Age of Twisted Values 345

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G) (D)
 Fm Cm Fm E^b A^b E^b



1 In an age of twist - ed val - ues we have lost the
 2 We have built dis - crim - i - na - tion on our prej - u -
 3 When our fam - i - lies are bro - ken, when our homes are
 4 We who hear your word so of - ten choose so rare - ly

(Em) (A) (B7) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G)
 Fm B^b C7 Fm Cm Fm E^b A^b



truth we need. In so - phis - ti - cat - ed lan - guage we have
 dice and fear. Ha - tred swift - ly turns to cruel - ty if we
 full of strife, when our chil - dren are be - wil - dered, when they
 to o - bey. Turn us from our will - ful wan - dering; give us

(Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (C) (G)
 B^bm Fm Cm Fm D^b A^b



jus - ti - fied our greed. By our strug - gle for pos - ses - sions
 hold re - sent - ments dear. For com - mu - ni - ties di - vid - ed
 lose their way in life, when we fail to give the a - ged
 truth to light our way. In the pow - er of your Spir - it

(D) (Am) (Em) (B7) (Em) (Bm)
 E^b B^bm Fm C7 Fm Cm



we have robbed the poor and weak. Hear our cry and
 by the walls of class and race, hear our cry and
 all the care we know they need, hear our cry and
 come to cleanse us, make us new; hear our cry and

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em)
 Fm E^b A^b B^bm Fm Cm Fm



heal our na - tion; your for - give - ness, Lord, we seek.
 heal our na - tion; show us, Lord, your love and grace.
 heal our na - tion; help us show more love, we plead.
 heal our na - tion till our na - tion hon - ors you.

Amen, We Praise Your Name 598

Amen siakudumisa

Leader *All*

Sing prais - es! A-men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!
Ma - si - thi! A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!

A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es! A - men, a - men.
A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi! A - men, ba - wo.

A - men, a - men. A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!
A - men, ba - wo. A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.