

Heritage Presbyterian Church

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

There are many good reasons to observe Criminal Justice Sunday in the context of worship and adult education: to raise awareness of the many issues surrounding our nation's criminal justice system; to identify ways that congregations and individual members can engage in meaningful ministry with persons directly impacted by this system; to examine the privilege so many of us take for granted that has shielded us from the worst aspects of law enforcement. The goal is not guilt but (where appropriate) repentance and a commitment to act in the spirit of Jesus' inaugural sermon.

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We Gather in God's Name

As We Prepare for Worship

One inmate said, “No one has ever said that they loved me. Now I know that I am loved.”

~ quote from the article “Why Prison Ministry” on July 1, 2015 in “The Presbyterian Outlook”

Prelude

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

Lemmel

Gathering Words

Cheryl Lawrie

We have gathered together because we're people who have heard a rumor that there's life to be found on the other side of death.

We're here because just the rumor is enough to bring us hope and just the hope is enough to bring us a moment of life.

We're here because even though it is only a flicker, a moment, a breath – it's changed our death forever.

We come as those who have been released from sin and death. Let us worship the Lord.

Gathering Song #250 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

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

Call to Confession *Presbyterian Mission Agency*

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. And yet we are far from perfect, we make foolish choices, and are painfully aware that all of us fall short of God's glory. Let us seek the comfort of confession to our loving creator.

Litany of Confession

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Jesus tells us that he has come to bring good news to the poor:

And we wonder if that means bad news for us, because we do not see our own poverty.

Jesus tells us that he has been sent to proclaim release to the captives:

And we worry that this might increase the crime rate in our neighborhoods.

Jesus proclaims the recovery of vision to those without sight:

But, citing prudence and safety, we close our eyes to the suffering that surrounds us.

Jesus tells us that the oppressed are to be freed, the indebted to have their debts forgiven:

And we respond, “Not here, not now; I have bills to pay and what about my property values.”

Our responses tell us all that we need to know of our fallen condition.

We are fearful and self-protective; we objectify others and we do not practice God’s radical hospitality beyond our own small circle.

Forgive us, O God. Remove our fear and heal our small-mindedness.

Help us to truly follow in the footsteps of our Savior who came to set us free from all of our sins.

silent confession

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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Beloved in Christ, Jesus did not come to condemn but to redeem. The past is over and done; everything is fresh and new. Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven

Our Response #245 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” v. 4

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow; Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

The Peace

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

Prayer for Illumination *Luke 4:18-19 (NRSV)*

Jesus said, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Holy Spirit, fall upon us so that we may hear your good news and bear witness of it to others. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 4:14-21 (NRSV)

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message "Making People Visible" Rev. Carol Wickersham

Hymn #764 "For the Troubles and the Suffering"
(The music is printed on pages 11-12 of the bulletin.)

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

God's Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks

Call to Offering *Psalm 24:1 (CEB)*

The earth is the LORD's and everything in it; the world and its inhabitants too. Let us give to the Lord what belongs to the Lord.

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

Doxology #609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
(*Tune: "All Creatures of Our God and King"*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known;
Creator, Word, and Spirit one,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Creator of all things, we offer you the first fruits of that with which you have blessed us. May they bring good news to the broken-hearted, release for the captives and liberation for the prisoners. In your name and to your glory. Amen.

God Goes with Us into the World

Sending Song #772 "Live into Hope"
(*The music is printed on page 12 of the bulletin.*)

Benediction

Postlude "Christians, We Have Met to Worship" Moore



Today and This Week at Heritage
3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Virtual Worship Rev. Michelle Henrich
 Message Rev. Carol Wickersham
11:00 a.m. Fellowship via Zoom

Next Week at Heritage, April 25
4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Virtual Worship Rev. Michelle Henrichs
 Liturgist
11:00 a.m. Fellowship via Zoom

A Visit with the Pastor

If you would like a visit with Pastor Michelle, please contact her at 262-488-5100, or 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: Dale & Barbara Pffor
 Judi Fellows

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Presbytery of San Francisco, CA
 The people of Dominican Republic

Praying for the Persecuted Church: United Arab Emirates

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 Arloszynski's brother Earl Duckwall

Birthdays	April 23	Lauren Giuliani
	April 23	Jake Stewart
Anniversary	April 20	Brandy & Roger Bohman

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

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

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Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D)

(Em)



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7)

C7

(D)

F



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7)

F7

(G)

Bb

(Em)

Gm

(D)

F

(Bm)

Dm

(Em)

Gm

(F#)

A

(Bm)

Dm



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G)

Bb

(Em)

Gm

(D)

F

(Bm)

Dm

(Em)

Gm

(A7)

C7

(D)

F



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

764 For the Troubles and the Sufferings

Pelas dores deste mundo



1 For the trou - bles and the suf - ferings of the world,
 2 Lend an ear to the ris - ing cry for help
 1 *Pe - las do - res des - te mun - do, ó Se - nhor,*
 2 *Teus ou - vi - dos se in - cli - nem ao cla - mor*



God, we call up - on your mer - cy: the
 from op - pressed and hope - less peo - ple: Come!
im - plo - ra - mos pi - e - da - de. A
des - sa gen - te o - pri - mi - da. A -



whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain!
 Has - ten your sal - va - tion, heal - ing love!
um só tem - po ge - me a cri - a - ção.
pres - sa - te com tu - a sal - va - ção.



We pray for peace, the bless - ed peace that
 We pray for power, the power that will sus -
A tu - a pax, ben - di - ta e jr - ma -
O teu po - der sus - ten - te o tes - te -



comes from mak - ing jus - tice, to cov - er and em -
 tain your peo - ple's wit - ness: un - til your King - dom
na - da co'a jus - ti - ça a - bra - ce o mun - do jn -
mu - nho do teu po - vo. Teu Rei - no ve - nha a

1 Em Em A9 2 Em7 A7 D

brace us. Have mer - cy, Lord! come, Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son!
 tei - ro. Tem com - pai - xão! nos! Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son!

772 Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op - pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.