
We Gather in God's Name

This morning we are celebrating Heidi's 30+ year ministry with us, featuring her poetry and music. There are note cards on your chair to share a special thank you or memory with Heidi. You can return them in the offering plate.

As We Prepare for Worship

Can you imagine it? –
the grim and terrible
End of Time:
trumpets blasting,
clouds parting, seas raging,
sun and moon dripping blood;
graves gaping, saints rising,
screams of horror, cries of rapture,
the Last Judgment, the Final Battle.

Or do you imagine instead:
Jesus pounding nails and sanding floors,
building cupboards and setting doors?
*In my Father's house are many rooms, he said.
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go
to prepare a place for you?*

A place for us:
not just a cemetery plot
or an urn for ashes,
not just a human heart that remembers,
for a while at least, before moving on –
but a place to live in love forever.
How's that for a picture of Armageddon,
how's that for sneak peek at the
awesome, fearsome End of Time? –
Jesus making room for us;

Jesus planning and planing
to welcome humanity home.

So may it be.
Amen!

– Heidi Surprenant, “Visions of The Resurrection: Many Rooms”

Prelude “We Have Come into God’s House” Ballinger

Introit “We Are Woven” Surprenant
Roxanne Lawrence, flute

***We Proclaim the Resurrection**

Psalm 121; Revelation 7:12 (NRSV)

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will our help come?

Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved; the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

The Lord who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil and will keep your life.

The LORD will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God.

Forever and ever! Amen.

***Gathering Song #251** “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

Please sing verses 1, 2, and 5.

Call to Prayer

This morning as we continue with our celebration of the Resurrection, let us join our voices to praise our Risen Lord.

Our Resurrection Prayer – from Psalm 30:1-3, 5, 11-12

We praise you, Jesus, because we have been raised up with you. You have not let the enemies sin and death overwhelm us. When we have cried out to you, you have heard our cry and healed us.

LORD, you have raised us up from the grave and given us eternal life.

We, the faithful of the LORD, sing our praises to God. We give thanks to God's holy name! God's anger at our sin lasts for only a second, but God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping may stay all night, but in the morning: joy!

Jesus, you changed our mourning into dancing. You removed our funeral clothes and dressed us in joy. May our souls and lives reflect your love for us. May our songs of praise never end.

Jesus, our Risen Lord, we will give you our praise and thanksgiving forever.

Christ has died!

Christ has risen!

Christ will come again!

Amen.

Our Response #236 “The Strife Is O’er” (*refrain, verse 1, refrain*)

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, quiet our minds to the events of the world for just a moment. May we pause in your holiness so that we may be renewed when we leave this place. Amen.

A Reading from the Epistles Revelation 7:1-8 (NRSV)

¹ After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on earth or sea or against any tree. ² I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, ³ saying, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads."

⁴ And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel:

⁵ From the tribe of Judah twelve thousand sealed,
from the tribe of Reuben

twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Gad

twelve thousand,

⁶ from the tribe of Asher

twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Naphtali

twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Manasseh

twelve thousand,

⁷ from the tribe of Simeon

twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Levi

twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Issachar

twelve thousand,

⁸ from the tribe of Zebulun

twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Joseph

twelve thousand,

from the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand sealed.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Epistles Revelation 7:9-17 (NRSV)

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Message “Resurrection / Revelation: Faithful”
Rev. Michelle Henrichs

Remembering Our Baptism “Child, I Baptize You” Surprenant

Following the anthem, you are invited to come forward to remember your baptism by dipping your hands in the baptismal font or receiving the sign of the cross on your forehead with oil. If you are unable to come forward but would like to participate, please let us know.

Our Shared Life

Welcome, members, guests and residents of Tudor Oaks! We hope you will join us again soon. If you are a first-time visitor, we invite you to sign one of the Fellowship Folders located at the back of the sanctuary. Please read the announcements in the bulletin and use the microphone to share any announcements you may have.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

(Please use whichever words are most familiar to you.)

God’s Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks

Call to Offering

Remembering the sign and seal of our baptism, let us bring our gifts of gratitude to God.

Offertory “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” Neander

***Doxology #240** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (*refrain*)

***Prayer of Dedication** *Revelation 7:12 (NRSV)*

Holy God, we bring you these gifts as a sign of our faithfulness and of yours. We also give you thanks for the gifts of music you have bestowed on Heidi and her generosity in sharing them with us. We join the great multitude in heaven: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

***Sending Song #475** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
(The music is printed on page 16 of the bulletin.)

Benediction

Postlude “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Holden



Today and This Week at Heritage
4th Sunday of Easter

9:20 a.m. Choir rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship: Rev. Michelle Henrichs
 Liturgist: Jan Tesch

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Pastor’s Bible Study

Next Sunday, May 19
5th Sunday of Easter

9:20 a.m. Choir rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship: Rev. Michelle Henrichs

(Next Sunday, May 19, cont.)

Liturgist: still needed
11:15 a.m. Book Study group Olive Wood Theater

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. 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: Paul & Janet Ahrens
Jim & Geri Chesner
Jaden and Claire

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Northwest Presbytery,
Costa Rica
The people of Bolivia

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Sudan

Birthdays: May 12 Mason Buehler
May 15 Becca Symes
May 17 Aly Robinson

In Our Prayers

This Week's Prayer List:

Prayers for patience for Dale Pforr as he continues to recover from heart surgery.

Traveling mercies for Glenn and Jineen Sheridan at Disneyworld with their son Tim and his family. Extra prayers for Glenn as he has difficulty flying.

Prayers for Larry from “Larry Under the Bridge” (wife Nancy), having extensive surgery this Friday for his cancer.

Joy for the Seekers who had three grandsons confirmed last Sunday.

Prayers for Donna Seeker, who had hip surgery on Wednesday.

Prayers for Tudor Oaks resident Nancy Birken, who had tests at Waukesha Memorial Hospital this past week.

Joy for two Divine Home Intervention deliveries – Jose & Ashley, and John.

Our on-going prayer list:

Karen Anderson, Roxanne Lawrence, Dale Pforr, Jean Ripple, Gerry Kohl, Pat Zebrick, and Jane Arlozynski’s brother Earl Duckwall.

Announcements

In case a Tudor Oaks resident needs assistance, please notify the Nursing Station in the Health Center or the Front Desk or call 1-414-529-0100.

Recognizing our Graduates

During worship on June 9th, we would like to recognize our graduates who are graduating from high school and college. (For college we would also like to recognize anyone who has graduated since last spring.) Please let the office know the names, school, dates and degree for any graduates in your household. It would be very helpful to have this information in by May 31.

Thank you for helping us – we don’t want to miss anyone!

Guest Speaker at Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church, May 21

Robin DiAngelo, author of the New York Times best-selling book *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People To Talk About Racism*, will join us on **May 21 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at **Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church** as we work to recognize the behaviors and often unconscious bias that perpetuates racial division.

Dr. DiAngelo will describe the way race shapes the lives of White people, explain what makes racism so hard for White people to see, and identify common White racial patterns that prevent us from moving towards greater racial equity. Weaving information, analysis, stories, images, and familiar examples, she provides the framework needed to develop white racial literacy. Although the focus is on white racial identity development, people of color may also find the analysis valuable as it is one that is rarely affirmed or provided in mainstream society. Dr. DiAngelo has been a consultant and trainer for over 20 years on issues of racial and social justice.

Pastor's Bible Study Update

We are in the final weeks of Pastor Michelle's Tuesday afternoon Bible Study. The remaining dates are May 14 and 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the Poplar Lifestyle Room. After a summer break, the Bible Study will resume in the fall.

Join us as we reflect on the texts for the following Sunday. For more information, please contact Pastor Michelle at mahenrichs@gmail.com.

Date for Book Study

The date for the book study on Jodi Picoult's "A Spark of Light" is May 19 following worship.

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“The Strife Is O'er”

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“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

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“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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