Heritage Presbyterian Church

June 13, 2021 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

As We Prepare for Worship

"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. One who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love."

~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., A Gift of Love

Prelude "On Jordan's Banks" American tune, arr. Leatherman

Gathering Words – from Isaiah 12:2-5

God is our salvation; we can trust and not be afraid.

The LORD is our strength and might.

With thanksgiving, we praise God's name.

We want the whole world to hear!

Sing praises to the LORD. Let us glorify God's name.

We have come to sing for joy, to the joy of our salvation.

Gathering Song #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (The music is printed on pages 10-11 of the bulletin.)

Call to Prayer Psalm 103:8 (NRSV)

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

-from Psalm 103:2-4, 11-12

Merciful God, your love is deep and as high as heaven is to the earth. In the same way, your mercy is wide, for when you

forgive us, our sins become as far from us as the east is to the west. These are distances we cannot fathom.

They are love and mercy we cannot offer.

Instead, our love is often shallow, limited by the fickleness of our mood. We can be moved to compassion at the plight of a stranger. But when it is our neighbor who needs our help, we become too busy.

We look the other way.

When our neighbor comes to us to mend a relationship, we choose to nurse our grudge. We may offer forgiveness with our lips, but our hearts hold on to what they've done. We refuse to separate the sin from the person.

We will not look the other way.

But you, O Lord, forgive our sins. You heal our diseases. You redeem our life from the pit.

You crown us with your steadfast love and mercy.

May we learn to love as you have loved us, and to forgive as we have been forgiven.

silent confession

Teach us mercy and love.

Amen.

Words of Life Psalm 103:15-18 (CEB)

The days of a human life are like grass: they bloom like a wildflower; but when the wind blows through it, it's gone; even the ground where it stood doesn't remember it.

But the LORD's faithful love is from forever ago to forever from now for those who honor God.

And God's righteousness reaches to the grandchildren of those who keep the covenant and remember to keep God's commands.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Good Shepherd, we are forgiven!

Our Response #614 "Great Are You Lord"
(The music is printed on page 11 of the bulletin.)

The Peace

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

And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, once again you have gathered us here. Help us to be present in this moment as we listen to your Word. Grant us the wisdom to hear and the courage to respond. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 7:36-50 (CEB)

- ³⁶ One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to eat with him. After he entered the Pharisee's home, he took his place at the table.
- ³⁷Meanwhile, a woman from the city, a sinner, discovered that Jesus was dining in the Pharisee's house. She brought perfumed oil in a vase made of alabaster. ³⁸ Standing behind him at his feet and crying, she began to wet his feet with her tears. She wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and poured the oil on them.
- ³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw what was happening, he said to himself, If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. He would know that she is a sinner.
 - ⁴⁰ Jesus replied, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher, speak," he said.
- ⁴¹ "A certain lender had two debtors. One owed enough money to pay five hundred people for a day's work. The other owed enough money for fifty. ⁴² When they couldn't pay, the

lender forgave the debts of them both. Which of them will love him more?"

⁴³Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the largest debt canceled."

Jesus said, "You have judged correctly."

- ⁴⁴ Jesus turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your home, you didn't give me water for my feet, but she wet my feet with tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You didn't greet me with a kiss, but she hasn't stopped kissing my feet since I came in. ⁴⁶ You didn't anoint my head with oil, but she has poured perfumed oil on my feet. ⁴⁷This is why I tell you that her many sins have been forgiven; so she has shown great love. The one who is forgiven little loves little."
- ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."
- ⁴⁹ The other table guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this person that even forgives sins?"
- ⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

A Reading from the Psalms Psalm 23 (RSV)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil;

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Message "The Lord Is My Shepherd: Enemies at the Table" Rev. Michelle Henrichs

Sung Response #316 "Where Charity and Love Prevail" (*The music is printed on page 12 of the bulletin.*)

Prayer / Lord's Prayer

God's Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks

Call to Offering

In the movie *Saving Private Ryan*, a group of men risk their lives just after D-Day to find and bring home the one brother of five who survived. War doesn't stop so that these men may find Private Ryan. Many die, including those who sought him. In one of the final scenes, the leader of the rescue group says to Ryan, "Earn it." In other words, live a life that earns the lives others sacrificed so that he could live.

I don't believe Jesus tells us to "Earn it." Rather, we understand the sacrifice and can't help but to love greatly in response. This love is demonstrated in our relationships with others, including our willingness to sacrifice for others. Sometimes this sacrifice is our pride or own desires. Other times, it is buying less for ourselves so that we can provide for the needs of others.

As we enter this time of offering, let us reflect on God's love for us and our love for others.

Offertory "O God of Love" Baker, arr. Lasky

Doxology #240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (ref., vs. 4, ref.) (The music is printed on page 13 of the bulletin.)

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Holy God, there are so many ways you have loved us well. Even in our times of need, our cups overflow with your grace. We offer you the gifts of our lives in thanksgiving. Whether our time, talent, or treasure, may they bear witness to your love. Amen.

God Goes with Us into the World

Sending Song #754 "Help Us Accept Each Other" (*The music is printed on page 14 of the bulletin.*)

Benediction

Postlude

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" English melody, arr. Eithun

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Today and This Week at Heritage 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Virtual Worship

Rev. Michelle Henrich

Liturgists

Glenn & Kathy Kozicki

11:00 a.m. Fellowship via Zoom

Next Week at Heritage, June 20 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Virtual Worship

Rev. Michelle Henrichs

Liturgist

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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: Kathy Buehler

Christina, Kayla, Tim Jan & Dieter Tesch

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Presbytery of San Diego, CA

The people of Caribbean Islands

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Yemen

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

Anniversaries June 13 Jon & Donna Robinson

June 13 Jan & Dieter Tesch

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:

(<u>https://www.heritagechurchmuskego.com</u>) 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 (<u>mahenrichs@gmail.com</u>).

Wednesday Prayer and Meditation

Wednesday Prayer and Meditation will resume in the fall.

Link for Coffee Hour

Here is the Coffee Hour link:

Coffee Hour

Join Coffee Hour Zoom Meeting

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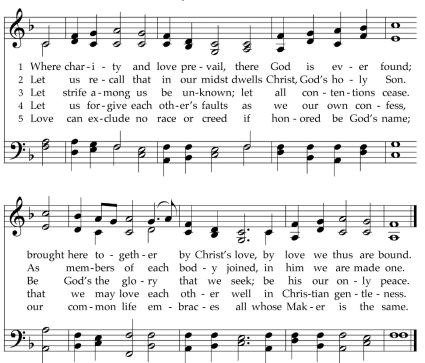
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Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



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240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks



Help Us Accept Each Other 754

