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**We Gather in God's Name**

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**As We Prepare for Worship**

Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.  
She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

– *Proverbs 31:25-26, 30-31 (NRSV)*

**Prelude** “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” Atkinson

**Welcome**

**\*Gathering Words** *Psalm 9:1-4 (NRSV)*

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.

**We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.**

I will be glad and exult in you.

**We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

**\*Gathering Hymn #628** “Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord”

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**God's Word Comes Alive**

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**Prayer for Illumination**

Holy Spirit, open the eyes of our hearts to see beyond ourselves  
to the truth in your Word. Amen.

**First Reading** *1 Samuel 25:1-8 (NRSV)*

Now Samuel died; and all Israel assembled and mourned for him. They buried him at his home in Ramah. Then David got up and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

There was a man in Maon, whose property was in Carmel. The man was very rich; he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. He was shearing his sheep in Carmel. Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. The woman was clever and beautiful, but the man was surly and mean; he was a Calebite.

David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. So David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. Thus you shall salute him:

'Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have. I hear that you have shearers; now your shepherds have been with us, and we did them no harm, and they missed nothing, all the time they were in Carmel. Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find favor in your sight; for we have come on a feast day. Please give whatever you have at hand to your servants and to your son David.'"

*Psalm 41:1-3 (NRSV)*

Happy are those who consider the poor;  
the LORD delivers them in the day of trouble.  
The LORD protects them and keeps them alive;  
they are called happy in the land.  
You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.  
The LORD sustains them on their sickbed;  
in their illness you heal all their infirmities.

**Our Song of Shared Communion #525**

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

**Second Reading** *1 Samuel 25:9-13 (NRSV)*

When David's young men came, they said all this to Nabal in the name of David; and then they waited. But Nabal answered David's servants, "Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants today who are breaking away from their masters. Shall I take my bread and my water and the meat that I have butchered for my shearers, and give it to men who come from I do not know where?"

So David's young men turned away, and came back and told him all this. David said to his men, "Every man strap on his sword!" And every one of them strapped on his sword; David also strapped on his sword; and about four hundred men went up after David, while two hundred remained with the baggage.

*Psalm 4:1-2 (NLT)*

Answer me when I call to you,  
O God who declares me innocent.  
Free me from my troubles.  
Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you people ruin my reputation?  
How long will you make groundless accusations?  
How long will you continue your lies?

**Third Reading** *1 Samuel 25:14-22 (NRSV)*

But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, "David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he shouted insults at them. Yet the men were very good to us, and we suffered no harm, and we never missed anything when we were in the fields, as long as we were with them; they were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. Now therefore know this and consider what you should do; for evil has been decided against our master and against all his house; he is so ill-natured that no one can speak to him."

Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, two skins of wine, five sheep ready dressed, five measures of parched grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs. She

loaded them on donkeys and said to her young men, “Go on ahead of me; I am coming after you.” But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

As she rode on the donkey and came down under cover of the mountain, David and his men came down toward her; and she met them. Now David had said, “Surely it was in vain that I protected all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him; but he has returned me evil for good. God do so to David and more also, if by morning I leave so much as one male of all who belong to him.”

*Psalm 7:12-16 (NRSV)*

If one does not repent, God will whet his sword;  
he has bent and strung his bow;  
he has prepared his deadly weapons,  
making his arrows fiery shafts.  
See how they conceive evil,  
and are pregnant with mischief,  
and bring forth lies.

They make a pit, digging it out,  
and fall into the hole that they have made.  
Their mischief returns upon their own heads,  
and on their own heads their violence descends.

**Fourth Reading** *1 Samuel 25:23-31 (NRSV)*

When Abigail saw David, she hurried and alighted from the donkey, fell before David on her face, bowing to the ground. She fell at his feet and said, “Upon me alone, my lord, be the guilt; please let your servant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your servant. My lord, do not take seriously this ill-natured fellow, Nabal; for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him; but I, your servant, did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent.

“Now then, my lord, as the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, since the LORD has restrained you from bloodguilt and from

taking vengeance with your own hand, now let your enemies and those who seek to do evil to my lord be like Nabal. And now let this present that your servant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who follow my lord.

“Please forgive the trespass of your servant; for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the LORD; and evil shall not be found in you so long as you live. If anyone should rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living under the care of the LORD your God; but the lives of your enemies he shall sling out as from the hollow of a sling.

“When the LORD has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you prince over Israel, my lord shall have no cause of grief, or pangs of conscience, for having shed blood without cause or for having saved himself. And when the LORD has dealt well with my lord, then remember your servant.”

**Musical Offering**

*Psalm 36*

Dale Pforr, vocal solo

**Fifth Reading** *1 Samuel 25:32-35 (NRSV)*

David said to Abigail, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who sent you to meet me today! Blessed be your good sense, and blessed be you, who have kept me today from bloodguilt and from avenging myself by my own hand! For as surely as the LORD the God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, truly by morning there would not have been left to Nabal so much as one male.”

Then David received from her hand what she had brought him; he said to her, “Go up to your house in peace; see, I have heeded your voice, and I have granted your petition.”

**We Seek and Receive God’s Mercy** – *with Psalm 4 (NLT)*

Answer me when I call to you,  
O God who declares me innocent.

Free me from my troubles.

Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you people ruin my reputation?

How long will you make groundless accusations?

How long will you continue your lies?

It is not in our nature to take a holy pause. Too often, we respond by reflex – seeking to defend ourselves. Seeking to justify ourselves by our own strength.

**Why, O Lord, do we build ourselves up by destroying others? Why do we allow those who insult us to define our worth? Why don't we come to you in prayer?**

You can be sure of this:

The LORD set apart the godly for himself.

The LORD will answer when I call to him.

Don't sin by letting anger control you.

Think about it overnight and remain silent.

Sometimes it is good to let the sun go down on our anger. For it is only in the quiet of night that we hear the Holy One speak. It is in the darkness that we find the light.

**Create in us a holy pause so that we may confess our sins and hear your words of mercy.**

*silent confession*

Offer sacrifices in the right spirit,  
and trust the LORD.

**Many people say, "Who will show us better times?"**

Let your face smile on us, LORD.

**You have given us greater joy than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new wine.**

In peace I will lie down and sleep,  
for you alone, O LORD, will keep me safe.

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

**\*Our Response #634** “To God Be the Glory” (*refrain only*)

**\*The Peace**

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

**And also with you.**

**Sixth Reading** *1 Samuel 25:36-39a (NRSV)*

Abigail came to Nabal; he was holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. Nabal’s heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk; so she told him nothing at all until the morning light. In the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him; he became like a stone. About ten days later the LORD struck Nabal, and he died.

When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, “Blessed be the LORD who has judged the case of Nabal’s insult to me, and has kept back his servant from evil; the LORD has returned the evil-doing of Nabal upon his own head.”

*Psalm 40:1-5 (NRSV)*

I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are those who make  
the LORD their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.  
You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;

none can compare with you.  
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.

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

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### **Call to Offering**

One way we proclaim God's goodness is through our offerings. Let us make known God's wondrous deeds.

**Offertory**                    "More Precious Than Silver"                    DeShazo

**\*Doxology #643** "Now Thank We All Our God" (*verse 3*)

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*) *Psalm 54:6; 40:5 (NRSV)*

**With a freewill offering we will sacrifice to you; we will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good. You have multiplied, O LORD our God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were we to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted. Amen.**

**The Final Reading** *1 Samuel 25:39b-44 (NRSV)*

Then David sent and wooed Abigail, to make her his wife. When David's servants came to Abigail at Carmel, they said to her, "David has sent us to you to take you to him as his wife." She rose and bowed down, with her face to the ground, and said, "Your servant is a slave to wash the feet of the servants of my lord." Abigail got up hurriedly and rode away on a donkey; her five maids attended her. She went after the messengers of David and became his wife.

David also married Ahinoam of Jezreel; both of them became his wives. Saul had given his daughter Michal, David's wife, to Palti son of Laish, who was from Gallim.

**Reflection** "Kings: Choices (Part 2)" Rev. Michelle Henrichs

## **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. If you have an announcement, please alert the liturgist, who will bring the microphone to you.*

## **Joys and Concerns**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**\*Sending Song #765** “May the God of Hope Go with Us”

### **\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** “Blessed Assurance” Knapp

You may wish to be seated for the postlude and then stay for coffee and fellowship.

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## **Today and This Week at Heritage 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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10:00 a.m. Worship:	Rev. Michelle Henrichs
Liturgist:	Sam Henrichs
Ushers/Greeters:	Brandy Bohman Geri Chesner
Set-up/Take-down:	help needed
11:00 a.m. Fellowship time	

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**Next Sunday, August 19**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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10:00 a.m.	Worship:	Rev. Michelle Henrichs
	Liturgist:	Brandy Bohman
	Guest Pianist:	Janet Blanco
	Ushers/Greeters:	Glenn & Kathy Kozicki Louise Osborn
	Set-up/Take-down:	help needed
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship time	
	Refreshments:	Brandy Bohman

### **A Visit with the Pastor**

Pastor Michelle does not hold regular office hours in the summer. If you would like a visit with Pastor Michelle, 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. In case of a nighttime pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Michelle directly.

### **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:                      Guy & Louise Osborn  
   Erin & Doug Hittle  
   Evie, Merrie, and Micah

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:                      Hanmi Presbytery, CA  
   The people of Egypt

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Egypt

Birthdays:    Aug. 12              Thomas Breitbach  
   Aug. 12              Ron Kohler

Aug. 13 Judi Fellows

Aug. 17 Merrie Hittle

Anniversary:

Aug. 12 Meghan & Adam  
Wroblewski

### **In Our Prayers**

*Joys and concerns from last week's Prayer Fellowship:*

Joys: Jan Tesch (summer visit with family), Sarah Ahrens, Hazel and Karsten (gratitude for a safe rafting trip)

Prayers for: Jeanne Musolf's husband, Ken (back pain); Jan Tesch's friend Ellen (rare genetic disease); Amy Lehmann and family on the loss of her mother, Ruth; Kathy Kozicki's mom (medical tests); Glenn and Kathy Kozicki (remembering the loss of Kathy's brother); Erin Krofta (safe travels); Sam Henrichs (surgery)

Our on-going prayer list:

Karen Anderson, Roxanne Lawrence, Jean Ripple, Gerry Kohl, Jerry & Pat Zebrick, Steve Seeker, Jane Arloszynski's brother Earl Duckwall, Roger Bohman's mother Helen, and Paul Ahrens' brother-in-law, Gerry Beier.

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## Announcements

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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.

### **HELP NEEDED**

Members needed to help greet, usher, and count during Sunday worship through September. No experience needed. Will train. Contact Gigi Sheridan at [gsheridan@wi.rr.com](mailto:gsheridan@wi.rr.com) or 1-414-422-1282.

### *Our Mission with Tippecanoe Presbyterian: LUTB*

Tippe's Larry Under the Bridge program is continuing in need of socks, ponchos, disposable razors, bug spray, and laundry pods. Please place your donated items in the basket near the front table in the Olive Wood Theater. Thank you for your generosity!

### *Women's Center Update: School Supplies*

The Women's Center has children who are in need of back-to-school supplies. We will be collecting for this today, August 12. Please place your contributions in the wicker basket. If you wish to make a cash contribution, envelopes are available. The Mission Committee will match each cash donation up to \$500.00.