
We Gather in God's Name

As We Prepare for Worship

At the season of first fruits,
we recall two travelers, co-conspirators,
scavengers making do with leftovers and mill ends,
whose friendship was stronger than fear,
stronger than hunger, who walked together,
the road of shards, hands joined.

– an excerpt from "The Book of Ruth and Naomi" Marge Piercy

Prelude

“Hymn of Solace”

Turner

Gathering Words – *from Luke 13:29-30*

People will come from east and west;

and they will come from north and south.

God has prepared a feast in the kingdom of God;

and all will take their places at the table.

Indeed there are those who are last who will be first,

and first who will be last.

We come from east and west;

and north and south.

Let us worship the Lord!

***Gathering Song #401** “Here in This Place”

(The music is printed on page 12 of the bulletin.)

Call to Prayer *Psalm 33:18-19 (NRSV)*

“Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear God, on those who hope in God’s steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.” Let us bring ourselves before the Lord in prayer.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

– *with Zechariah 7; Psalm 33:20-22*

Faithful God, just as you spoke to our ancestors, so too, you speak to us. Despite our changing world, your Word remains consistent.

Holy God, you are just and kind, merciful and good. You call us to be the same.

Forgive us when lies form on our lips, twisting the truth for our own gain. Forgive us when we choose to build ourselves up at the expense of others; when kindness and mercy are far from our minds.

Forgive us when we forget the needs of the widow, the orphan, the immigrant, and the poor. They are close to your heart and never out of your sight. Teach us to see them as you do.

Forgive us when we refuse to listen. When we prefer a stubborn heart and deaf ears to becoming the holy people you call us to be. Do not send us away from you. Continue to speak to us, healing our willfulness. Teach us love.

silent confession

Our souls wait for the LORD; you are our help and shield. Our hearts are glad in you because we trust in your holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Amen.

Words of Life *Zechariah 8:7-8 (NRSV)*

Thus says the LORD of hosts: I will save my people from the east country and from the west country; and I will bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Our Response #582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”
(The music is printed on page 13 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

God’s Word challenges us in many ways. Holy Spirit, impart upon us wisdom, humility, and courage as we hear your Word today. Amen.

A Reading from the Epistles James 2:14-18 (CEB)

¹⁴ My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can’t save anyone, can it? ¹⁵ Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. ¹⁶ What if one of you said, “Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!”? What good is it if you don’t actually give them what their body needs? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn’t result in faithful activity.

¹⁸ Someone might claim, “You have faith and I have action.” But how can I see your faith apart from your actions? Instead, I’ll show you my faith by putting it into practice in faithful action.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Old Testament Ruth 2 (CEB)

2 Now Naomi had a respected relative, a man of worth, through her husband from the family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz. **2** Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the field so that I may glean among the ears of grain behind someone in whose eyes I might find favor.”

Naomi replied to her, “Go, my daughter.” **3** So she went; she arrived and she gleaned in the field behind the harvesters. By chance, it happened to be the portion of the field that belonged to Boaz, who was from the family of Elimelech.

4 Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem. He said to the harvesters, “May the LORD be with you.”

And they said to him, “May the LORD bless you.”

5 Boaz said to his young man, the one who was overseeing the harvesters, “To whom does this young woman belong?”

6 The young man who was overseeing the harvesters answered, “She’s a young Moabite woman, the one who returned with Naomi from the territory of Moab. **7** She said, ‘Please let me glean so that I might gather up grain from among the bundles behind the harvesters.’ She arrived and has been on her feet from the morning until now, and has sat down for only a moment.”

8 Boaz said to Ruth, “Haven’t you understood, my daughter? Don’t go glean in another field; don’t go anywhere else. Instead, stay here with my young women. **9** Keep your eyes on the field that they are harvesting and go along after them. I’ve ordered the young men not to assault you. Whenever you are thirsty, go to the jugs and drink from what the young men have filled.”

10 Then she bowed down, face to the ground, and replied to him, “How is it that I’ve found favor in your eyes, that you notice me? I’m an immigrant.” **11** Boaz responded to her, “Everything that

you did for your mother-in-law after your husband's death has been reported fully to me: how you left behind your father, your mother, and the land of your birth, and came to a people you hadn't known beforehand. ¹² May the LORD reward you for your deed. May you receive a rich reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you've come to seek refuge." ¹³ She said, "May I continue to find favor in your eyes, sir, because you've comforted me and because you've spoken kindly to your female servant – even though I'm not one of your female servants."

¹⁴ At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come over here, eat some of the bread, and dip your piece in the vinegar." She sat alongside the harvesters, and he served roasted grain to her. She ate, was satisfied, and had leftovers. ¹⁵ Then she got up to glean.

Boaz ordered his young men, "Let her glean between the bundles, and don't humiliate her. ¹⁶ Also, pull out some from the bales for her and leave them behind for her to glean. And don't scold her."

¹⁷ So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed what she had gleaned; it was about an ephah of barley. ¹⁸ She picked it up and went into town. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She brought out what she had left over after eating her fill and gave it to her. ¹⁹ Her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? Where did you work? May the one who noticed you be blessed."

She told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz."

²⁰ Naomi replied to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the LORD, who hasn't abandoned his faithfulness with the living or with the dead." Naomi said to her, "The man is one of our close relatives; he's one of our redeemers."

²¹ Ruth the Moabite replied, "Furthermore, he said to me, 'Stay with my workers until they've finished all of my harvest.'"

²² Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, “It’s good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, so that men don’t assault you in another field.”

²³ Thus she stayed with Boaz’s young women, gleaning until the completion of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

Message “Make It Real” Rev. Michelle Henrichs

Sung Response #761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”
(The music is printed on page 14 of the bulletin.)

Prayer

God’s Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks

Call to Offering

Every gift of time, treasure, and talent speaks to the trust we have that God provides. Let us make our offering to God.

***Doxology #609** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
(The music is printed on page 15 of the bulletin.)

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Lord, we pray that these gifts would speak our love for you in the world. May they create paths of righteousness for those who seek you. May they provide comfort for those who walk in dark valleys. May they be our first fruits in seeing your Kingdom come. Amen.

God Goes with Us into the World

***Sending Song #747** “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”
(The music is printed on page 16 of the bulletin.)

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** “Frederick Douglass Funeral March”
Nathaniel Clark Smith



Today and This Week at Heritage **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Wednesday

3:00 p.m. Prayer and Meditation via Zoom

Next Week at Heritage, August 30 **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 a.m.	Outdoor Worship (Muskego Lakes Middle School parking lot)	Rev. Michelle Henrichs
	Virtual Worship Liturgist	Rev. Michelle Henrichs Brandy Bohman

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: Jim & Geri Chesner
Jaden and Claire
Bill & Sue Osborne
Elizabeth and Andrew

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Pittsburgh Presbytery, PA
The people of Sudan

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Kuwait

Birthday: Aug. 26 Jim Chesner

Anniversary: Aug. 28 Paul & Janet Ahrens

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, Dale Pffor, Jean Ripple, Pat Zebrick, and Jane Arloszynski's brother Earl Duckwall

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).

Wanted: Special Music for Summer Worship

It's so easy, you don't even have to stand up in front of anyone!
You can sing it in the shower!

If you would be interested in sharing your musical talents with us, either instrumental or vocal, here's what you need to do: Record a vocal or instrumental piece and send it to Michelle! If you need a piano accompaniment, please let Heidi know and she can record it for you. She will send the recording to you and then you can listen to it on your headphones as you sing and record yourself. Then our professional mixers, (Michelle and/or Andy) put it together and make it sound awesome!

All are invited! Let Heidi, Andy or Connie know if you are interested.

Prayer and Meditation via Zoom

This summer, please join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 3:00 p.m. for a Prayer and Meditation gathering via Zoom. Our next meeting date is August 26. The information is below (same link each week) and it is also set up as an event on our Facebook page.

<https://zoom.us/j/730001908?pwd=a2Y2K2thUUxzZnR1L01kL0pwdjQ2QT09>

Audio only using any phone (you will need to enter meeting ID and password): 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 730 001 908 | Password: 056113

A Message from Your Mission Council

Are you looking for a place to donate – one that will help those affected by Covid-19? Those who are hungry, homeless, out of a job? Mission Council recommends the following organizations, which are working hard to provide needed food, places to stay – any help to all those in southeastern Wisconsin and beyond. Your donations will enable them to continue their work in our local areas through your generosity.

Feeding America \$1 = 10 meals!

Online donations at:

<https://feedingamericawi.org/donate-now/>

Meals on Wheels through Goodwill

Online donations at:

<https://donorgifts.goodwillsew.com>

Milwaukee Rescue Mission

Online donations at:

<https://donate.milmission.org/donation.html#>

Salvation Army

Online donations at:

www.centralusa.salvationarmy.org

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha

Online donations at:

www.unitedwaygmmc.org

Or mail donations to:

United Way Pledge Processing

PO Box 88988

Milwaukee, WI 53288-8988

Pledge forms are available at the website above.

About Today's Postlude: "Frederick Douglass Funeral March"

Nathaniel Clark Smith was a bandleader in the Midwest. He wrote this piece in tribute to the former slave turned abolitionist Frederick Douglass. This piece of music has no lyrics. It is a funeral march set in g minor. The main theme is contrasted by the trio section written in B Flat Major. Listening to this, a person can almost hear the consistent rhythmic heavy footsteps of a marching band. It is normal in human behavior for a person to stamp their foot especially when they are angry. Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass were good friends who held each other's intelligence in high esteem. Both men were ardent believers in the humanity promised in The Constitution and adamant about uniting the country of the United States. To lose a

patriotic person like Frederick Douglass and know that the things he fought for have not fully come into fruition, all those who consider themselves Americans should be stamping their foot in angry outrage.

– from the Milwaukee Black String Triage Ensemble website

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Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 proud that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

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Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow

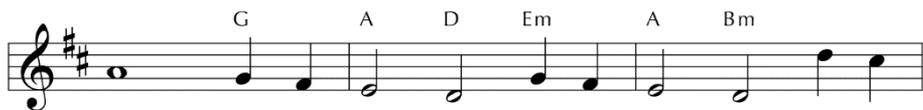
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



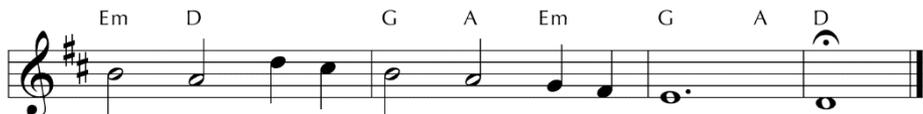
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



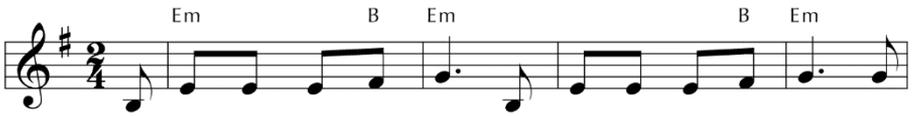
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios



The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -



make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.



The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un



do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me



falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -



us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.