

August 30, 2020 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

As We Prepare for Worship

When you pick up the Tanakh and read the Book of Ruth,
it is a shock
how little it resembles memory.
It's concerned with inheritance,
lands, men's names, how women must wiggle and wobble to live.
Yet women have kept it dear
for the beloved elder who cherished Ruth,
more friend than daughter. Daughters leave.
Ruth brought even the baby she made with Boaz home as a gift.
– excerpt from *“The Book of Ruth and Naomi”* by Marge Piercy

Prelude “There Is One Above All Others” Berggren, arr. Wetzler

Gathering Words – from Lamentations 3:22-24

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies
never come to an end.

**The Lord's mercies are new every morning. Great is your
faithfulness!**

From the depths of our souls we say, “The Lord is our portion,
therefore we will hope in God.”

Let us worship the Lord together!

***Gathering Song #435** “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”
(The music is printed on page 11 of the bulletin.)

Call to Prayer *Luke 4:18-19 (NRSV)*

Jesus said in the synagogue for all to hear:

“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.”

Let us come before the Lord in prayer.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Lord, we confess that we love your words of Good News when you speak them over us. They are our hope and our salvation. But in our joy (and dare we say, satisfaction), we forget that you call us to speak them over others. Though we forget, Lord, you do not. You call us to remember.

We remember Sarah, who was mocked for her infertility.
(Genesis 11:30, 16:4)

**Forgive us when we force others to follow societal norms.
Let us see the individual human worth of all.**

We remember Hagar, who was subjected to violence and then cast away by the powerful when no longer needed. (Genesis 21:10)

**Forgive us when we see others as a means to our own end.
Let us seek the healing and restoration of victims of
violence and persecution.**

We remember Tamar, who was denied the care of her husband’s family and at the risk of her own life, fought for her place in the community. (Genesis 38)

**Forgive us when we silence those who make us
uncomfortable by their suffering. Let us be willing to
suffer for their dignity.**

We remember Jochebed, who gave up her son Moses so that he might live.

Forgive us when we judge others who face impossible choices we cannot even comprehend. Let us be humble when considering circumstances and choices we will never experience.

We remember Esther and unnamed others, who were abducted and trafficked at the whim of powerful men. (Esther 2:1-4)

Forgive us when we ignore the realities of slavery that still exist in our own communities. Let us educate ourselves so that we may see those made invisible.

We remember the unnamed woman who anointed Jesus' feet, who was known only as a sinner and not as a child of God. (Luke 7:36-50)

Forgive us when we condemn others and deem them unworthy. Let us offer forgiveness as we have received it.

silent confession

Lord, help us not only to remember but to see the suffering around us.

Amen.

Words of Life *John 8:31-32 (CEB)*

Jesus says, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teaching. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

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 12 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

Holy Spirit, speak into the unseen places in our hearts and minds. Fill them with your Word. Amen.

A Reading from the Old Testament Ruth 3 (CEB)

3 Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, shouldn’t I seek security for you, so that things might go well for you? **2** Now isn’t Boaz, whose young women you were with, our relative? Tonight he will be winnowing barley at the threshing floor. **3** You should bathe, put on some perfume, wear nice clothes, and then go down to the threshing floor. Don’t make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. **4** When he lies down, notice the place where he is lying. Then go, uncover his feet, and lie down. And he will tell you what to do.”

5 Ruth replied to her, “I’ll do everything you are telling me.”

6 So she went down to the threshing floor, and she did everything just as her mother-in-law had ordered.

7 Boaz ate and drank, and he was in a good mood. He went over to lie down by the edge of the grain pile. Then she quietly approached, uncovered his legs, and lay down. **8** During the middle of the night, the man shuddered and turned over—and there was a woman lying at his feet. **9** “Who are you?” he asked.

She replied, “I’m Ruth your servant. Spread out your robe^[a] over your servant, because you are a redeemer.”

10 He said, “May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter! You have acted even more faithfully than you did at first. You haven’t gone after rich or poor young men. **11** And now, my daughter, don’t be afraid. I’ll do for you everything you are asking. Indeed,

my people—all who are at the gate—know that you are a woman of worth. ¹² Now, although it's certainly true that I'm a redeemer, there's a redeemer who is a closer relative than I am. ¹³ Stay the night. And in the morning, if he'll redeem you—good, let him redeem. But if he doesn't want to redeem you, then—as the LORD lives—I myself will redeem you. Lie down until the morning.”

¹⁴ So she lay at his feet until morning. Then she got up before one person could recognize another, for he had said, “No one should know that the woman came to the threshing floor.” ¹⁵ He said, “Bring the cloak that you have on and hold it out.” She held it out, and he measured out six measures of barley and placed it upon her. Then she^[b] went into town.

¹⁶ She came to her mother-in-law, who said, “How are you, my daughter?”

So Ruth told her everything the man had done for her. ¹⁷ She said, “He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said to me, ‘Don't go away empty-handed to your mother-in-law.’”

¹⁸ “Sit tight, my daughter,” Naomi replied, “until you know how it turns out. The man won't rest until he resolves the matter today.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message “Ladies in Waiting” Rev. Michelle Henrichs

Sung Response #161 “Woman in the Night”

(The music is printed on page 13 of the bulletin.)

Prayer

God's Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks

Call to Offering

In thanksgiving for God's provision in the past and trusting in God's provision in the future, let us offer our tithes and gifts to the Lord.

***Doxology #609** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
(The music is printed on page 14 of the bulletin.)

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*) – *from Psalm 46:1*

God, our refuge and strength, our help in times of trouble: We offer these gifts to you. May they bring refuge to those who need shelter, strength to those who are weak, and justice to those in need of freedom. To your glory, amen.

God Goes with Us into the World

***Sending Song #300** "We Are One in the Spirit"
(The music is printed on page 15 of the bulletin.)

*Charge and Benediction

***Postlude** "Majesty" Cummings



Today and This Week at Heritage 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Next Week at Heritage, Sept. 6
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Virtual Worship Rev. Michelle Henrichs
 Liturgist Sue Fellows

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: Presbytery of
 Northumberland, PA
 The people of Zimbabwe

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Kyrgyzstan

Birthdays: Aug. 31 Jineen Sheridan
 Sept. 2 Geri Chesner
 Sept. 2 Barbara Pforr
 Sept. 4 Lee Surprenant

Anniversaries:

Sept. 5 Louise & David
Symes

Sept. 5 Lauren & Chris
Giuliani

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 Pforr, 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).

Prayer and Meditation via Zoom

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 September 9. 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=a2Y2K2thUUxzZnR1L01kL0
pwdjQ2QT09](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.unitedwaygmwc.org

Or mail donations to:
United Way Pledge Processing
PO Box 88988
Milwaukee, WI 53288-8988 Pledge forms are available at the
website above.

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“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

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“We Are One in the Spirit”

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435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures
 of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal
 which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more
 sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-
 where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

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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, 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, 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, with - out end. A - men.

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



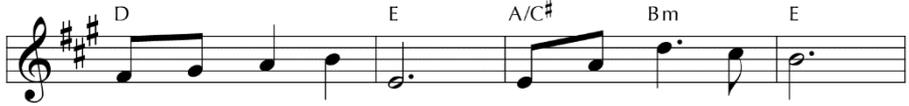
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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Woman in the Night



1 Wom-an in the night, spent from giv - ing birth,
 2 Wom-an at the well, ques - tion the Mes - siah;
 3 Wom-an in the house, nur - tured to be meek,
 4 Wom-en on the hill, stand when men have fled;



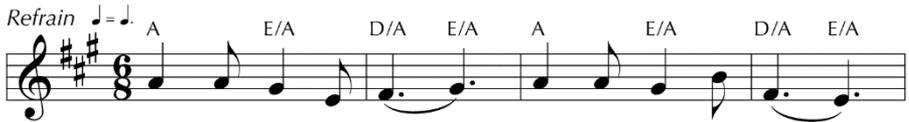
guard our pre - cious light; peace is on the earth.
 find your friends and tell: drink your heart's de - sire!
 leave your sec - ond place, lis - ten, think, and speak!
 Christ needs lov - ing still, though your hope is dead.



Wom-an in the crowd, creep - ing up be - hind,
 Wom-an at the feast, let the righ - teous stare;
 Wom-en on the road, from your sick - ness freed,
 Wom-en in the dawn, care and spic - es bring,



touch - ing is al - lowed: seek and you will find!
 come and go in peace; love him with your hair!
 wit - ness and pro - vide, join - ing word and deed:
 ear - li - est to mourn, ear - li - est to sing!



Come and join the song, wom - en, chil - dren, men.



Je - sus makes us free to live a - gain!

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Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow

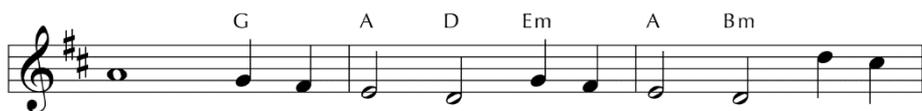
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



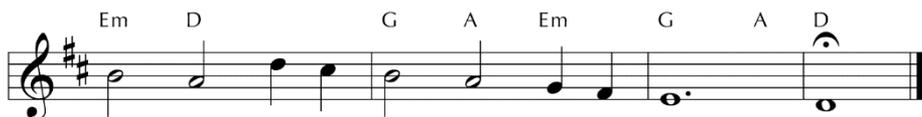
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



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!

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.