
We Gather in God's Name

As We Prepare for Worship

To resist White supremacy is to encounter centuries of embedded ideology masquerading as reality. It is difficult, and frightening, to change someone's reality. To reveal this reality as the fiction it is requires the right tools – and courage.

– Dr. Reggie Williams, Professor of Christian Ethics at McCormick Theological Seminary and author of *Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus: Harlem Renaissance Theology and an Ethic of Resistance*

Hope in the LORD! Be strong! Let your heart take courage!
Hope in the LORD!

– Psalm 27:14 (CEB)

Prelude

“All Hail King Jesus”

Moody

Gathering Words – *from John 10*

Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. The sheep hear my voice. I call to my sheep and lead them out.

We are sheep of the fold. We follow because we know Jesus' voice.

Jesus also says, I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

We welcome all the sheep that Jesus calls.

So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Jesus has gathered us as one to worship.

***Gathering Song #754** “Help Us Accept Each Other”
(*The music is printed on page 9 of the bulletin.*)

Video “Systemic Racism Defined”

Call to Prayer

When the Church comes together collectively in prayer, our focus is not on our individual sins. Although there is overlap, and we are often individually confessing as well. The sins we confess as the Body of Christ might not be our own, but in Christ, we belong to one another. When part of the Body sins, we all sin. Let us come before the Lord in prayer.

Prayer of Confession – *from enfleshed Liturgy Cooperative*

God, who searches our hearts and calls us to courage, as racist violence against your people and the earth persists, your spirit groans with us over all that is being lost.

We come together to lament lives burdened and destroyed, communities criminalized and under-resourced, families torn apart, and lands stolen and plundered.

Our lives are entangled in a complicated web of systems, histories, and beliefs. They make it difficult to live as Jesus taught us, to lay down our lives for our friends, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

And so we confess:

Too often, our fear prohibits us from being bold in love. We do not do enough to hold ourselves, our communities, and those in power accountable to racial justice. Rather than cast our lot with the most marginalized, where race and other injustices wed, our loyalty is often granted to those most like us.

Though prophets surround us, calling us to live and perceive differently, we confess, we ignore their pleas. Hear our hearts, Delivering One,

We do not always recognize the ways we are complicit with white supremacy, but we know that we are – individually and collectively. We strive not to be, and we believe, by your power, O God, we can keep learning, keep growing, and disrupt the cycles of racism that run through our lives, our church, and our world.

Forgive our complacency and lead us on paths of justice.

Not even the forces of white supremacy can overcome the power of your love.

So rise within us and around us, O God, that your Kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven.

Not one day, but today.

Through Christ, who liberates the oppressed and frees the captive heart, we pray.

Amen.

Words of Life – *Galatians 3:26-28 (CEB)*

You are all God’s children through faith in Christ Jesus. All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Our Response #621 “I Will Call upon the Lord”

(The music is printed on page 10 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, breathe life upon us once again that we may hear your Word. Make it come to life within us. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSV)

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message “I’m a Racist” Rev. Michelle Henrichs

Reflection on “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

– Rev. Willie Brisco

Rev. Brisco is assistant minister at New Covenant Baptist Church. He grew up in a small town in Mississippi and came to Milwaukee via Detroit, Michigan. Rev. Brisco has been on the Board of Ezekiel Community Development Corporation almost since its inception. He has also been the President of MICA and the Co-Vice President of WISDOM and has worked faithfully and tirelessly on issues of justice in Milwaukee and Wisconsin.

Anthem “Lift Every Voice and Sing”
James Weldon Johnson & J. Rosamond Johnson

God's Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks

Call to Offering

As we continue to worship with our offering, even if our material possessions are few, let us give out of the abundance of our hearts.

***Doxology #390** “Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”
(The music is printed on page 11 of the bulletin.)

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

Faithful and Holy God, we would have nothing if it were not for the work of your hands and the breath of life you give. May our love for you be known through these gifts and our love for others. Amen.

Video Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
“Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution”
Final sermon given on March 31, 1968
at the National Cathedral, Washington, DC

God Goes with Us into the World

***Sending Song** “There Is a Time for Silence”
(See music on page 12 of the bulletin.)

Benediction

***Postlude** “What Does the Lord Require of You?” Strathdee



Today and This Week at Heritage
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Virtual Worship

Rev. Michelle Henrichs

Liturgist Judi Fellows
11:00 a.m. Fellowship via Zoom

**Next Week at Heritage, Oct. 4
Sacrament of Holy Communion
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 a.m. Virtual Worship Rev. Michelle Henrichs
Liturgist Janet Ahrens
10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship Rev. Michelle Henrichs
11:00 a.m. Fellowship via Zoom

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: Dan & Dolly Fellows
Jacob
Erin & Doug Hittle
Evie, Merrie, and Micah

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Eastminster Presbytery, Ohio
The people of South Africa

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Malaysia

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

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 October 14. 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=a2Y2K2thUUxzZnRlL01kL0pwdjQ2QT09>

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

Meeting ID: 730 001 908 | Password: 056113

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“There Is a Time for Silence”

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette © 2020

Music: Frederick Charles Maker, 1881

Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

I Will Call upon the Lord 621

Part 1 (melody) D G D G D G

I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-thy to be

Part 2 (echo)

I will call up-on the Lord

D G D G D G

praised. So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies.

who is wor-thy to be praised. So shall I be

D G D G D G A

I will call up-on the Lord.

saved from my en - e - mies. I will call up-on the Lord.

Refrain

D G D G

The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-

D G A D G

va-tion be ex - alt - ed. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock,

D G D G A A7 D

and let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex - alt - ed.

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! 390

Louez le Seigneur!

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!
Lou - ez le Sei - gneur! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!

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There Is a Time for Silence

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

St. Christopher

Frederick Charles Maker, 1881

1. There is a time for si - lence, a time to lis - ten well,
2. There is a time for ask - ing, a time to pause and pray,
3. There's time for hum - ble stu - dy— for read - ing and for thought.
4. There's time for good re - flec - tion, to pon - der who we've been,
5. And there's a time to work now— to bold - ly say their names,

a time to hear the pain-ful stor-ies oth - ers have to tell.
there is a time to hear the pro-phets speak of God's new day,
God, may we learn from oth-ers of the jus - tice they have sought,
to think how our own at - ti-tudes have paved the way for sin,
to pro - test and to or-gan-ize, to ad - vo-cate for change,

O God, may we who love to talk now hear the rage and fear,
to hear the words of Je - sus who taught wel - come, truth and love,
And may we learn from those who brave-ly stand a-gainst the hate,
to lis - ten to the ones we fear—to folks we may re - sent—
to use our voi - ces and to stand with those who are op-pressed.

and may we learn from neigh-bors who have long been si-lenced here.
to hear the Spi - rit speak-ing through the ones who shout, "E-nough!"
So when we're called to jus-tice, we, your church, won't hes-i - tate.
to hear of Je - sus' call to love—and hum - bly to re - pent.
As we seek jus - tice, hand in hand, Lord, may your world be blessed.