

Sept. 9, 2018

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Kick-Off Sunday

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

As We Prepare for Worship

Constantly there is tension – the tension of discerning how to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, how to honor the heart of another nation as we honor our own homeland, how to revere the truths of another wisdom tradition as we cherish our own inheritance, how to protect the life of other species as we guard the sanctity of our own life-form. Jesus knew such tension.

– *Richard Rohr*

Prelude “Christians, We Have Met to Worship” Moore

Welcome

***Gathering Words** *1 Chronicles 16:23-27 (NRSV)*

Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Tell of the LORD's salvation from day to day. Declare the LORD's glory among the nations, and marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before LORD; strength and joy are in this place.

***Gathering Song #610** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Call to Prayer

As the saints of earth, let us join the saints above as we honor God with our prayers.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession – *from James 2:1-17*

Lord, we love to praise you in this holy place. We seek to glorify you with our worship and our lives. We come before you knowing that you love each of us completely and without partiality.

But we are not always impartial in our opinions of others.

We like to spend time with people like us – or even better, with the famous. We value our ability to keep up appearances. We are quick to complement the beautiful. We look up to the rich and foster doubt about the poor. We judge by what we see on the outside.

But our souls are not oppressed by the downtrodden.

It is not the powerful who lift us up.

We betray our own well-being when we judge based on worldly values.

We betray the grace we have received when we fail to extend it to others.

God in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

silent confession

Faithful God, we do not want to be ruled by any law except for love.

We want to live in the freedom of those who are ruled by generosity rather than scarcity. We want a faith that is living and active.

We want to be doers of your Word. May it be so. Amen.

Words of Life *Psalm 125:1-2 (NRSV)*

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***Our Response #628** “Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord” (*vs. 1*)

***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 Wisdom Writings

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (NRSV)

22 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

2 The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

8 Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

9 Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

22 Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

²³ for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Gospels Mark 7:24-30 (NRSV)

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸ But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹ Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Message “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” Rev. Michelle Henrichs

**God Is Made Known to Us
Through the Breaking of Bread**

Communion

Welcome

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

You are invited to pray the Lord’s Prayer using the words that are most familiar to you.

Invitation

Anthem “The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing” Kendrick

Sharing in the Cup and Loaf

We will celebrate the Sacrament using intinction. If you are unable to come forward, we will come to you. All who desire to be fed by Jesus are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. There are no requirements of membership. All elements are gluten- and alcohol-free.

Prayer after Communion

Dear Jesus, we have come to your table not based on our worth but in the fullness of your love. You do not call us dogs but beloved members of your family. May we learn from you and do the same.

Our thanksgiving for the communion we share extends beyond this table to the ministry and fellowship of our life together. For rejoining together after enjoying what the summer has to offer:

We give thanks for a new season of shared worship. May the voices of the choir, the gifts of our musicians, the service of our ushers, the preparation of our bulletins, and the worship we offer be pleasing to you.

For new opportunities to learn and nurture our faith:

We give thanks for Bible study and holy conversations that connect the world and our faith.

For our relationships with our mission partners:

We give thanks for the opportunities to meet those with different life experiences but a shared humanity. We give thanks for the financial abundance you have bestowed so that we may bestow it on others.

For our shared prayers:

We give thanks for a community that rejoices with those who rejoice and mourn with those mourn. May we continue to bear Christ to one another.



**Today and This Week at Heritage
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10:00 a.m.	Worship:	Rev. Michelle Henrichs
	Liturgist:	Glenn Kozicki
	Communion:	Jineen Sheridan
	Ushers/Greeters:	Glenn & Jineen Sheridan
	Set-up/Take-down:	help needed
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship time	Cook-out

Monday

4:30 p.m. Worship council meeting

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

**Next Sunday, September 16
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m.	The Wired Word	
10:00 a.m.	Worship:	Rev. Michelle Henrichs
	Liturgist:	Jeanne Musolf
	Usher/Greeter/Counter:	Guy & Louise Osborn
	Set-up/Take-down:	help needed
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship time	
	Refreshments:	still needed

A Visit with the Pastor

Pastor Michelle is in the office on Tuesday afternoons (except the 3rd Tuesday) from 2:00 - 4:30. If you would like a visit with Pastor Michelle at another time, 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: Roxanne & John Lawrence
Jane Arloszynski

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Cimarron Presbytery, OK
The people of Kenya

Praying for the Persecuted Church: India

Birthday: Sept. 13 Tim Buehler

In Our Prayers

Prayers for: Sarah Ahrens, Hazel and Karsten (transition to their new home), Paul Ahrens' brother-in-law Gerry Beier (cancer); John Gugel's minister and friend (cancer); Jean Ripple's friend, Barbara (cancer); Meghan Wroblewski (caring for her mother-in-law, grandparents, and friend with cancer).

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.

Announcements

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.

Pastor's Bible Study

Join us as we reflect on the texts for the coming Sunday. We meet in the Poplar Lifestyle Room at 1:00 p.m. every Tuesday of the month except the third Tuesday. For more information, please contact Pastor Michelle at mahenrichs@gmail.com.

Return the Kick-Off Today, Sept. 9

Today we gather around The Lord's Table for Communion.

We pass the peace and footballs.

We enjoy each other and God's presence.

We feast with a cook-out lunch after worship.

The Wired Word

The fall session of The Wired Word will begin next Sunday, September 16, at 9 a.m. in the Private Dining Room (Art Gallery). This study for adults includes biblical commentary and discussion questions related to a topic in the news and encourages discussion on applying the lesson to everyday life. Lesson topics, Scripture references, and questions are emailed on Thursdays for those who like to prepare in advance. Everyone is welcome!

HELP NEEDED

Members needed to help greet, usher,
and count during Sunday worship through
December.

No experience needed. Will train.

Contact Gigi Sheridan

at 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!