



September 15, 2024

Ordinary Time

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Session of Heritage Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, September 22, 2024 for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2027. A Zoom link will be provided for Heritage members who are unable to attend in person.

PRELUDE . "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" *Spanish Folk Tune, Arr. by John Carter*
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" *Indian Folk Tune, Arr. by John Carter*

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT....."In the Presence of Your People"
(One License song #311. Text of verse 1 and tune: Brent Chambers, text of verses 2-3: Bert Polman © 1977 Broadman Press (admin. Music Services)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

God, we gather in your presence.

We come before you singing your praises.

God, we gather in your presence.

We come before you with thanksgiving.

Come, let us worship God!

❖HYMN "God the Sculptor of the Mountains" **#5**

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❖CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Holy God, you call out to us from city streets and village squares, but we close our ears to you. We assume we know all you have to say, and because of that, we fail to see all your works in this world and in us. You offer an outstretched hand to join you in transforming our lives, but we choose to stay just as we are. (a time for silent confession) Merciful God, forgive us when we ignore your continuous call to live in the way of love. By your mercy, grant us the humility to follow Christ throughout our lives. Amen.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

❖ **AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, by your Spirit, open us so that we may focus on divine things. Pour out your Wisdom upon us so we may respond by taking up our cross and following you. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READINGPsalm 19, pg. 783
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM..... "Wonderful Grace"
(Words and music by Cindy Ovokaitys, arr. by Charles McCartha)

2nd SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:27-38, pg. 1437
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGEThe Rev. Sara K. Snowden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

❖ **HYMN** "Will You Come and Follow Me" **#726**
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❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*excerpt from The Confession of 1967*)

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*p. 35 in the hymnal*)

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

❖ **HYMN** "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" **#727**
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❖SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE..... "When We Are Living" *Spanish Folk Tune, Arr. by John Carter*

Pastor: The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

Lector: Chip Snowden

Greeter/Usher: Darly Doyle

Worship Pianist: Amy Dickman

In gratitude for Adam Quine and the Presbyterian Outlook for inspiring portions of today's worship service.



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