



September 8, 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 "Open My Eyes that I May See" *Clara Scott, Arr. by Fred Bock*
"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *Carl G. Gläser, Arr. by Lani Smith*

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "I Love You, Lord"
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❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 146)*
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.
Come, let us worship God!

❖ **HYMN** "Here in This Place" **#401**
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❖ **CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**
Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. (a time for silent confession) Gracious God, forgive us. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

❖ **AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

DEDICATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, open us to your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from your truth or avoid and distract ourselves from your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom you offer in this worship moment. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 22:1-2, pg. 934
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM..... "Sing! Shout! Alleluia!"
(Words and music by Joseph M. Martin)

2nd SCRIPTURE READING Mark 7:24-37, pg. 1436
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGEThe Rev. Sara K. Snowden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

❖ **HYMN** "Live into Hope"..... **#772**
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❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*excerpts from Romans 8*)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY Genevan Psalter *(Public Domain)*..... **#606**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

❖ **HYMN** "Will You Come and Follow Me" **#726**

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❖SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE....."He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
Spiritual, Arr. by Fred Bock

Pastor: The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

Lector: Karen Maurer

Greeter/Usher: Bev Mason

Worship Pianist: Amy Dickman

Offering Counters: Nancy Olson & Dan Wennerholm

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