



*Heritage responds to Christ's call to be light in a dark world
by bringing faith, hope and love to all we meet.*

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2020**

italics = Worship Leader speaks
boldface = All speak (including Worship Leader)

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

We welcome you today in the name of the One who frees us from every burden, renews our spirits and inspires hope and joy in our living. May this time of worship encourage and lift you up.

WELCOME AND MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Beth Wagner

PRELUDE“All Things Bright and Beautiful” (CCLI song #82106)

Music: Traditional English Melody (Public Domain); Words: Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander (Public Domain)

CALL TO WORSHIP

In creation, God has lived generously toward us. What do you bring into worship?

We bring awe for the wonder of creation and a creating God.

In Christ Jesus, God has lived generously toward us. What do you bring into worship?

We bring our lives in service to God in Christ.

In discipleship, God has lived generously toward us. What do you bring into worship?

We bring praise and thanksgiving for God's new creation in us.

Come and worship.

HYMN.....“We Gather Together” (CCLI song #91678)

Music: Netherlands Melody, arranged by Eduard Kremser (Public Domain);

Words Netherlands Folk Hymn, translated by Theodore Baker (Public Domain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayers.

(A time of silent prayer)

Let us pray together.

Holy God, we will be honest: this is really hard. It is really hard to wear masks, to avoid public gatherings, to spend so much time watching screens. We're losing patience and we're losing hope and we're losing our grip on faith. We're caught between the selfishness of wanting to do whatever we want without regard for others, and wanting to be helpful and generous.

Please help us. Help us to lean on you and each other when things get hard and when we get depressed. Remind us every day that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Encourage our hearts, and help us to be your people, to the best of our ability in these strange days. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who is with us always. Amen.

RESPONSE..... “Gloria Patri” Henry W. Greatorex

THE PEACE OF CHRIST..... Rev. Beth Wagner

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

SCRIPTURE..... Acts 11:27-30

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE..... Romans 15:25-27

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE..... Rev. Beth Wagner

“Shaped for Generous Giving”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN..... “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (CCLI song #3922369)

Music: Mason and Webb’s Cantica Laudis (Public Domain); Words: William Walsham How (Public Domain)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH...Declaration of Barmen May 1934

An appeal to the Evangelical congregations and Christians in Germany

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you; but whoever who would be great among you must be your servant.” (Matthew 20:25, 26)

The various offices in the church do not establish a dominion of some over the others; on the contrary, they are for the exercise of the ministry entrusted to and enjoined upon the whole congregation.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church, apart from this ministry, could and were permitted to give itself, or allowed to be given to it, special leaders vested with ruling powers.

OFFERING DEDICATION PRAYER..... Rev. Beth Wagner

Good and gracious God, your generous ways have given us life and life together. When our anxious distractions are calmed, we come again to an awe of your way of loving in the world. Through these offerings you have joined our momentary labors to your eternal witness. You have gathered our common gifts into your extraordinary loving. May we be alive to you, saints in your service through Jesus Christ. Amen.

RESPONSE..... “Doxology” Genevan Psalter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE..... Rev. Beth Wagner

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN..... “We Are So Blessed” (CCLI song #15991)

Music: William J. Gaither and Greg Nelson; Words: William J. Gaither and Gloria Gaither

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION.....Rev. Beth Wagner

BENEDICTIONRev. Beth Wagner

POSTLUDE“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” (CCLI song #4529091)

Music: Tattersall’s Psalmody (Public Domain); Words: John Fawcett (Public Domain)

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am Office Closed due to COVID-19

Offerings

Giving	Pledge	Additional	Per Capita
YTD Budget 10/11/2020	\$88,191.79	\$41,788.46	\$1,361.00
YTD Received 10/11/2020	\$94,393.00	\$41,204.00	\$1,047.00

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