



September 22, 2024

Ordinary Time

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

UPDATED 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. To join the meeting on Zoom, use the link included in this week's worship materials email.

PRELUDE "I Am Thine, O Lord" *William Howard Doane, Arr. by Larry Dalton*

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT..... "God, Reveal Your Presence"

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Based on Psalm 1*)

Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,

And meditate on God's word day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

***Which yield their fruit in its season. Let us worship the Lord,
our source of wisdom and strength.***

❖ **HYMN** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"..... **#12**

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❖ **CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from above. (a time for silent confession) Loving God, forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Help us to submit ourselves to you and draw near to your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

❖ **AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be renewed and transformed. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Mark 9:30-37, told by Patricia Lind
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM.....“Come to the Water”
(Words and music by John B. Foley, S.J., arr. by Jack Schrader)

MESSAGEThe Rev. Sara K. Snowden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

❖**HYMN** “These Treasured Children” **#487**
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❖**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*excerpt from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

❖ **HYMN** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" **#547**
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❖ **SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE..... "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go" *Carrie E. Rounsefell, Arr. by Larry Dalton*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Election of Officers

Pastor: The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

Lector: Sue Wexler

Greeter/Usher: Karen Maurer

Worship Pianist: Amy Dickman

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