

# Heritage United Methodist Church

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Prelude	Kenda Worsfold
Welcome & Announcements	Rev. Maria Campbell
Opening Prayer	Liturgist – Susan Seifert

**Creator God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our longings and our needs. Help us to see what you are making new in heaven and on earth, in our lives and in our communities that we may participate in your healing work. In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Children's Moment	Rev. Maria Campbell
Hymn of Praise	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i> #140 UMH
Scripture	1 John 3:16-24 Liturgist – Susan Seifert

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Maria Campbell
The Lord's Prayer	
Anthem	<i>Your Whole Life</i> (Paris) Kenda Worsfold

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Message

*Listen*

Rev. Maria Campbell

Offertory

Doxology

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

#95 UMH

Dedication of Offering

Liturgist – Susan Seifert

**Gracious God, we rejoice in your gifts of life, creation, and fellowship. Accept these offerings in joyous response to the overflowing blessings you have poured upon us. Help us to give as freely as we have received. Amen.**

Closing Song

*Gift of Love*

#408 UMH

Blessing

Rev. Maria Campbell

Postlude

Margaret Cinotto

**Verse 1**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

***Refrain***

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

**Verse 2**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

***Refrain*****Verse 3**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

***Refrain*****Doxology*****Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*****#95 UMH**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**Closing Song*****Gift of Love*****#408 UMH****Verse 1**

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

**Verse 2**

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

**Verse 3**

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.