



## Heritage United Methodist Church

MARCH 20, 2022, THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Maria Campbell

Song of Praise

Come, Now is the Time to Worship *(Doerksen)*

Opening Prayer

Liturgist—Lee Herring

God of grace, you fill our every need and satisfy our every hunger. From generation to generation you have sustained your people. When we encounter the storms of life, you are our refuge. You nurture us as your own beloved, but we do not bear fruit. Forgive us and free us to follow Jesus with joy. Teach us to be your witnesses to all nations. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Moment & Dedication of 'The Little Free Library'

Rev. Maria Campbell & Cindy Svec

Centering Song

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

#349 UMH

Scripture

Psalm 63:1-8

Liturgist—Lee Herring

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Maria Campbell

*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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Anthem Let Them See You *(Weeks, Wilbanks)* Deann Baiza

Scripture Luke 13:1-9 Rev. Maria Campbell

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Message "Bear Fruit" Rev. Maria Campbell

Offertory

Doxology #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*

Dedication of Offering Liturgist—Lee Herring

Merciful God, we bring our offerings, hoping they will bear fruit for your church. May our journey this Lenten season feed our spirits to bring forth the fruit you desire. We pray in the name of our savior and redeemer, Jesus the Christ. Amen

Closing Song Be Thou My Vision #451 UMH

Blessing Rev. Maria Campbell

Postlude

*Worship Song Leader - Jacob Eppel Pianist—Jenny Memmott Organist—Margaret Cinotto*



## Worship Song Sheet 3.20.22

### Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

Chorus – Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

Verse 1 – One day every tongue Will confess  
You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose  
You now

Chorus – Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

Verse 2 – Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart  
soul mind and strength  
We gladly choose  
You now

Chorus – Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

Ending – Come come just as you are  
come come

### Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (2x)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,  
(wonderful face,) and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.

### Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## *A Devotion for the third week of Lent*

David Praising God While in the Wilderness

*O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.*

Psalm 63:1-5 NIV

Just as David praised God in the wilderness, we can find refuge in God during times of testing just as we do in good seasons. David devoted himself to his thirst of knowing God while singing praises to satisfy his soul.

We can do the same during various seasons in our lives. Writing this devotion, I recall waiting for several years for better health for my child. This season was one of the hardest I have endured while praying lists of gratitude and singing praises in my prayers before begging God to save my adult child's health and life. People ask how I walked through each day not knowing about the outcome or God's plan. FAITH, it took a lot of stubborn faith as I refused to give in and lose my faith. God used this time as a future testimony for me and my child to share with others. I began praying the Lord's Prayer at night so I could be calm enough to try to sleep while praising, singing, reading, thanking God for my blessings and praying about concerns during my waking hours.

Two chairs were involved. Chairs you ask, yes chairs! After retiring to Colorado, I bought two chairs for our bedroom. These became my sanctuary with God; many times crying while praising and praying before I could get dressed and see others. When we decided to move home, the chairs came with us and are a daily reminder of my child's healing, my faith and the knowledge of just how great God is.

Prayer: Father, help us to praise you as we go through our day in the hard seasons as well as the easy seasons. We thank you for your love, grace, forgiveness and healing. Amen

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