



# Heritage United Methodist Church

APRIL 3, 2022, FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Maria Campbell

Song of Praise

I Come with Joy, v 1,2,3

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Opening Prayer

Liturgist—Sally Williams

Giver of every good gift, help us to learn from you. Show us the way to allow ourselves be more vulnerable to the needs of others. Let us spread love’s fragrance in a world filled with doubt and despair. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Children’s Moment

Rev. Maria Campbell

Centering Song

More Like You

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Scripture

Psalms 126

Liturgist—Sally Williams

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.” The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

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*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

Christ is Enough *(Morgan & Myrin)*

Jacob Eppel

Scripture

John 12:1-8

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Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Message

Filled with Fragrance

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Offertory

Doxology

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*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—Sally Williams

Gracious and merciful God, we offer our gifts to you this day with open hands and open hearts. Open our ears and minds to hear your truth We pray our offerings impact the world and glorify you. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

I Come with Joy, v 4,5

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Closing Song

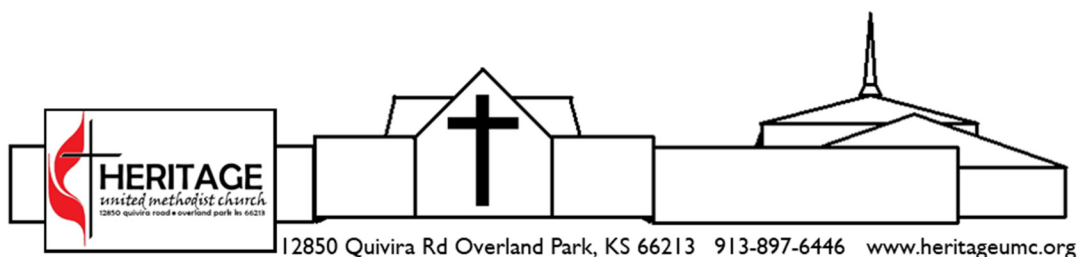
Give Me Jesus *(Camp)*

Blessing

Rev. Maria Campbell

Postlude

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



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

*And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32 NKJV)*

The Bible tells us that we must forgive in order to be forgiven. What a challenge. The words may come easily, but how often do we then find ourselves reliving the incident in our minds, refusing to let it go? Is that forgiveness? We tell children not to pick at a knee scab, because it inflicts more pain and delays the healing. Ruminating on a hurt is like that. And dwelling on the past costs us precious time in the present. Perhaps true forgiveness means trying our best to turn our thoughts from the past to the future, giving the wound time to heal.

When our son was in the first grade, I discovered that he was being bullied – physically hurt – by a much bigger boy. The school insisted on having the children meet with the principal without their parents present. I was surprised to hear that the other child confessed, saying, "I did it because I wanted to be his friend," a response prompted by his own childish logic. Nonetheless, he was instructed to keep his distance from our son.

A few months later, when it was time to send out birthday party invitations, my son asked to invite the "bully." I admit to being quite startled but collected myself and asked what prompted the thought. He replied, "Well, he said that he wanted to be my friend, so I thought I should give him the chance." A lesson in grace taught by a child who was releasing the hurt and replacing it with hope -- and giving the offender hope in the process.

In the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us. So how does God forgive? Without hesitation. Unconditionally. Completely. That's what we are called to do.

It may take a lifetime of practice. But with the Holy Spirit's help, as we strive to be more like Jesus, we can learn to forgive as we should – maybe even with the simplicity and humility of a little child.

Prayer: God of all, we thank you that when we repent, you no longer remember our sins. Please teach us to forgive others as you forgive us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Written by Joy Preacher

## Worship Song Sheet 4.3.22

### I Come With Joy

Verse 1 – I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

Verse 2 – I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

Verse 3 – As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

**Verse 4 – And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.**

Verse 5 – Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

### More Like You

More like you, Jesus, more like you. Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.

More like you, Jesus, more like you. Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like you.

Lord, you are my mercy. Lord, you are my grace. All my deepest sins have forever been erased.

Draw me in your presence. Lead me in your ways. I long to bring you glory in righteousness and praise.

More like you, Jesus, more like you. Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.

More like you, Jesus, more like you. Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like you.

### Give Me Jesus

Verse 1 – In the morning when I rise In the morning when I rise In the morning when I rise Give me Jesus

**Chorus – Give me Jesus Give me Jesus You can have all this world Just give me Jesus**

Verse 2 – When I am alone When I am alone Oh when I am alone Give me Jesus

**Chorus – Give me Jesus Give me Jesus You can have all this world Just give me Jesus**

Interlude – Jesus give me Jesus

Verse 3 – When I come to die When I come to die Oh when I come to die Give me Jesus

**Chorus – Give me Jesus Give me Jesus You can have all this world Just give me Jesus**

Ending – Give me Jesus Give me Jesus You can have all this world You can have all this world You can have all this world, just give me Jesus