

# Heritage United Methodist Church

JAN 22, 2023, THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

#### Prelude

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Maria Campbell

Song of Praise Seek Ye First #405 UMH

Opening Prayer Liturgist—Julie Dragoo

Loving and generous God, you call us to love you and love our neighbor. You call us to be generous to others, as you are generous to us. Help us to follow Jesus and a simple way of life through loving service. Open our hearts and minds to all that you would have us learn today. We pray in the name of Jesus and the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Children's Moment Rev. Maria Campbell

Centering Song Simple Gifts

Scripture Psalm 37:3-11 Liturgist—Julie Dragoo

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

Pastoral Prayer Suyeol Bae, Seminary Intern

### 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 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.

Scripture Matthew 6:1-4, 19-26 Rev. Maria Campbell

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

Message Tethered 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—Julie Dragoo

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

Closing Song In Christ Alone

Blessing Rev. Maria Campbell

#### Postlude

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



### Seek Ye First #405 UMH

What gift can we bring, what present, what token? What words can convey it, the joy of this day? When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true. Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring, the Word is our promise always, forever; we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can convey it, the joy of this day! When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise!

# Simple Gifts

'Tis the gift to be simple 'tis the gift to be free 'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be And when we find ourselves in the place just right 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight

Refrain – When true simplicity is gained To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed To turn turn will be our delight Till by turning turning we come 'round right

'Tis the gift to be joyful 'tis the gift to rejoice 'Tis the gift to sing and thank Him with your voice And when we have a heart that is pure and kind With faith like a child we give praise for all time

#### Refrain

'Tis the gift to be lowly 'tis the gift to be poor 'Tis the gift to keep from always wanting more And if we turn to God and ask to be freed We soon see that Jesus is all that we need

### In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song

This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love what depths of peace When fears are stilled when strivings cease

My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ L stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe

This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied

For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ Llive

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain

Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me

For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

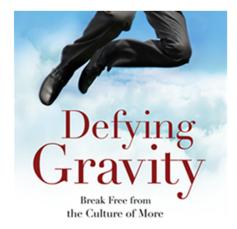
No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me

From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand

Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

### Refrain



# **Defy Gravity with your Spiritual Gifts**

As we 'defy gravity' and work to become better stewards of our time, talent and treasures, we'd like to invite you to take a Spiritual Gifts Assessment and explore your unique gifts which are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Every child of God is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, specially gifted to play a unique and valued role in the body of Christ. No one is without gift or purpose.

Spiritual gifts are not our talents or skills. They are the grace of God at work within us, empowering us to match our deep passions with the world's deep need. The gifts are given to individuals, but they are given to build and strengthen community and to meet the needs of those around us.

Ephesians 4:11-13 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Begin the journey. Discover your gifts. Talk about your gifts with others. Strive together to understand your gifts and how you can use them to serve God, neighbor, and world. You have been gifted. You have been given a purpose.

Use this link to take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment:

https://www.umc.org/en/content/spiritual-gifts