



Heritage United Methodist Church
Sunday, February 26, 2023

Welcome to worship at Heritage United Methodist Church.

We invite you to worship, grow & serve with us to see transformed lives reflecting the love of Christ!

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Maria Campbell

Song of Praise

Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes

#2138 TFWS

Call To Worship

Leader: Welcome all who journey on the way to the cross.

People: **We are learning to follow Jesus.**

Leader: For those who feel Christ near,

People: **May we not turn away from the discomfort of the journey ahead.**

Leader: For those who feel as far from Christ as the desert is from the ocean,

People: **May we find Christ in the wilderness with us.**

Leader: For all of us who stumble and fall in our silence, indifference, and lack of generosity,

People: **May we reach for the hand of Christ, who raises us up to continue on the journey.**

Leader: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

People: **We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen**

Children's Moment

Centering Song

Spirit of the Living God

#393 UMH

Scripture

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like

a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Pastoral Prayer

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.*

Anthem Christ You Are The Fullness (*Lyrics by Bert Polman*) Adapted from the Korean folk song called 'Arirang'
Suyeol Bae

Scripture Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Message "If You Fall" 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

Generous God, we remember Jesus' temptation. As we offer our gifts to you, we pray you might deliver us from our temptations. Lead us to the conviction that the only thing that matters is that we belong to you. We pray in the name of our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

Closing Song Nearer My God to Thee v 1,2,3 #528UMH

Blessing

Postlude

Senior Pastor, Rev. Maria Campbell

Worship Song Leader—Jacob Eppel

Pianist—Jenny Memmott

Organist—Margaret Cinotto

Thank you to our liturgist, musicians, ushers, greeters & all volunteers helping in worship today.

2.26.23 Worship Song Sheet

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes #2138 TFWS

Sunday's palms are Wednesday's ashes as another Lent begins;
thus we kneel before our Maker in contrition for our sins.
We have marred baptismal pledges, in rebellion gone astray;
now, returning, seek forgiveness; grant us pardon, God, this day!

We have failed to love our neighbors, their offences to forgive,
have not listened to their troubles, nor have cared just how they live,
we are jealous, proud, impatient, loving overmuch our things;
may the yielding of our failings be our Lenten offerings.

We are hasty to judge others, blind to proof of human need;
and our lack of understanding demonstrates our inner greed;
we have wasted earth's resources; want and suffering we've ignored;
come and cleanse us, then restore us; make new hearts within us, Lord!

Spirit of the Living God (2X) #393 UMH

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Nearer My God to Thee v 1,2,3 #528 UMH

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;
angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!