



Heritage United Methodist Church www.heritageumc.org

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

JULY 16, 2023, THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Song of Praise

Nearer, My God, to Thee v 1,3,5

#528 UMH

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

People: Come, let us worship our Creator!

Leader: God is the great Sower, scattering seeds of life and abundance across the earth.

People: We are the soil, created to nurture and sustain the seeds of God's life-giving love.

Leader: God is the great Life-giver, sowing seeds and tending the soil to produce the fruit of abundant life.

People: May we nurture and grow God's new reality, bearing the fruit of abundance for all God's creation.

Amen.

Children's Moment

Guest Artist: Leon Greene

Centering Song

Now Thank We All Our God v 1

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Scripture

Song of Songs 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

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

I Can Do All Things

Friends In Faith

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

Message

"Seeking God and Wisdom"

Rev. Maria Campbell

Response to the Word

Offertory

Swing Down Sweet Chariot

Friends In Faith

Doxology – *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—**Gracious God, we thank you for giving us talents and abilities. Help us to use these gifts for your glory as we strive to be faithful in our living and our giving. May our offerings be multiplied for the good of your creation. Amen.**

Closing Song

Wonderful Words of Life

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Blessing

Postlude

Senior Pastor, Rev. Maria Campbell

Worship Song Leader—Jacob Eppel

Organist—Margaret Cinotto

Thank you to today's liturgist and all our volunteers helping in worship today.

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7.16.23 Worship Song Sheet

Nearer, My God, to Thee v 1,3,5

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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!

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!

Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Now Thank We All Our God v 1

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Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Wonderful Words of Life

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Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.