



Heritage United Methodist Church [www.heritageumc.org](http://www.heritageumc.org)

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

JULY 30, 2023, THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Opening Song

Go Tell It on the Mountain (*arr. Williams, Smith*)

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist: We come to worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains us all.

**People: We come to worship God who never leaves us.**

Liturgist: God brings forth life even when we cannot see it.

**People: We gather today to learn how to watch and wait, for what God will reveal.**

Liturgist: God persists in bringing about the abundant life of the kingdom.

**People: We gather to learn how to partner in God's work.**

Liturgist: God meets our brokenness with persevering love, unfolding a new reality of flourishing for all creation.

**People: We gather to learn how to love as God loves. Amen.**

Children's Moment

Guest Artist: Wally Grant

Centering Song

There's a Song in the Air v1,4

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Scripture

*Psalms 105:1-7*

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

## 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

Build Your Church (*Eugene, Raine*)

## Scripture

*Ezra 1:1-4, 9-11*

In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in order that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom, and also in a written edict declared: "Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah. Any of those among you who are of his people—may their God be with them! —are now permitted to go up to Jerusalem in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem; and let all survivors, in whatever place they reside, be assisted by the people of their place with silver and gold, with goods and with animals, besides freewill offerings for the house of God in Jerusalem." And this was the inventory: gold basins, thirty; silver basins, one thousand; knives, twenty-nine; gold bowls, thirty; other silver bowls, four hundred ten; other vessels, one thousand; the total of the gold and silver vessels was five thousand four hundred. All these Sheshbazzar brought up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylonia to Jerusalem.

## Message

"Build"

Rev. Maria Campbell

## Offertory

**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

How Firm a Foundation v1,2,5

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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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## 7.30.23 Worship Song Sheet

### Go Tell It on the Mountain (arr. Williams, Smith)

While shepherds kept their watching Over silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light

**I say go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere**

**Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born**

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo above the Earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth

Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born

And God sent us salvation On that blessed Christmas morn

**I say go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere**

**Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born**

I was a lonely seeker I sought both night and day

I asked the Lord to help me And he showed me the way

He made me a watchman Upon a city wall

And if I am a Christian I am the least of all

**I say go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere**

**Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born**

Go tell it, Go tell it, Go tell it **Go on and tell it!**

### There's a Song in the Air v1,4

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There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!

There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!

And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song

that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.

Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,

and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

### How Firm a Foundation v1,2,5

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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,

for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,

I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."