

# HERITAGE

Presbyterian Church



*He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream  
Jeremiah 17:8*

## **LORD'S DAY WORSHIP**

### **June 25, 2023**

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**WELCOME!**  
**TO**  
**HERITAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**T**o all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness,  
and to whomsoever will —  
we open wide our arms  
and welcome you  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Prayer 9:15 a.m. in Pastor's Office  
Children at church 9:25 a.m. in the Library  
Youth & Adults Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:40 a.m.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PREPARATION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### From Psalm 105:7–11

*LEADER: He is the Lord our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.*

***RESPONSE: He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand  
generations,***

*LEADER: The covenant that he made with Abraham,  
his sworn promise to Isaac,*

***RESPONSE: Which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,***

***TOGETHER: Saying, "To you I will give the land of  
Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance."***

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST**

# WE SING A SONG OF PRAISE

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right man on our side,  
The man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,  
The Lord of Hosts His name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.

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# WE SING A SONG OF ASCENT

## How Firm a Foundation

Trinity Hymnal #94

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING**

### **WE ARE CALLED TO CONFESS OUR SIN HEBREWS 10:19–23**

*<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND SHEPHERDING PRAYER**

### **WE ARE ASSURED OF OUR PARDON IN CHRIST COLOSSIANS 3:12–13**

*<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.*

# WE SING A SONG OF ASSURANCE

## God Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;  
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within,  
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;  
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,  
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Thy voice;  
From my sins O hide Thy face,  
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;  
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to Thee;  
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,  
And my mouth shall praise accord.

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

### Mine

### Genesis 31:17–55

*17 So Jacob arose and set his sons and his wives on camels. 18 He drove away all his livestock, all his property that he had gained, the livestock in his possession that he had acquired in Paddan-aram, to go to the land of Canaan to his father Isaac. 19 Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel stole her father's household gods. 20 And Jacob tricked Laban the Aramean, by not telling him that he intended to flee. 21 He fled with all that he had and arose and crossed the Euphrates, and set his face toward the hill country of Gilead.*

*22 When it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled, 23 he took his kinsmen with him and pursued him for seven days and followed close after him into the hill country of Gilead. 24 But God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream by night and said to him, "Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad."*

*25 And Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country, and Laban with his kinsmen pitched tents in the hill country of Gilead. 26 And Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done, that you have tricked me and driven away my daughters like captives of the sword? 27 Why did you flee secretly and trick me, and did not tell me, so that I might have sent you away with mirth and songs, with tambourine and lyre? 28 And why did you not permit me to kiss my sons and my daughters farewell? Now you have done foolishly. 29 It is in my power to do you harm. But the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, 'Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad.' 30 And now you have gone away because you longed greatly for your father's house, but why did you steal my gods?" 31 Jacob answered and said to Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I thought that you would take your daughters from me by force.*

*32 Anyone with whom you find your gods shall not live. In*



*the presence of our kinsmen point out what I have that is yours, and take it.” Now Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.*

*<sup>33</sup> So Laban went into Jacob's tent and into Leah's tent and into the tent of the two female servants, but he did not find them. And he went out of Leah's tent and entered Rachel's. <sup>34</sup> Now Rachel had taken the household gods and put them in the camel's saddle and sat on them. Laban felt all about the tent, but did not find them. <sup>35</sup> And she said to her father, “Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise before you, for the way of women is upon me.” So he searched but did not find the household gods. <sup>36</sup> Then Jacob became angry and berated Laban. Jacob said to Laban, “What is my offense? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued me? <sup>37</sup> For you have felt through all my goods; what have you found of all your household goods? Set it here before my kinsmen and your kinsmen, that they may decide between us two. <sup>38</sup> These twenty years I have been with you. Your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, and I have not eaten the rams of your flocks. <sup>39</sup> What was torn by wild beasts I did not bring to you. I bore the loss of it myself. From my hand you required it, whether stolen by day or stolen by night. <sup>40</sup> There I was: by day the heat consumed me, and the cold by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes. <sup>41</sup> These twenty years I have been in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times. <sup>42</sup> If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been on my side, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God saw my affliction and the labor of my hands and rebuked you last night.”*

*<sup>43</sup> Then Laban answered and said to Jacob, “The daughters are my daughters, the children are my children, the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do this day for these my daughters*

*(continued)*

or for their children whom they have borne? <sup>44</sup> Come now, let us make a covenant, you and I. And let it be a witness between you and me.” <sup>45</sup> So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar. <sup>46</sup> And Jacob said to his kinsmen, “Gather stones.” And they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there by the heap. <sup>47</sup> Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha, but Jacob called it Galeed. <sup>48</sup> Laban said, “This heap is a witness between you and me today.” Therefore he named it Galeed, <sup>49</sup> and Mizpah, for he said, “The Lord watch between you and me, when we are out of one another's sight. <sup>50</sup> If you oppress my daughters, or if you take wives besides my daughters, although no one is with us, see, God is witness between you and me.”

<sup>51</sup> Then Laban said to Jacob, “See this heap and the pillar, which I have set between you and me. <sup>52</sup> This heap is a witness, and the pillar is a witness, that I will not pass over this heap to you, and you will not pass over this heap and this pillar to me, to do harm. <sup>53</sup> The God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us.” So Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac, <sup>54</sup> and Jacob offered a sacrifice in the hill country and called his kinsmen to eat bread. They ate bread and spent the night in the hill country.

<sup>55</sup> Early in the morning Laban arose and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them. Then Laban departed and returned home.

# SERMON NOTES

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Bread:** Wafers are gluten-free.

**Wine:** At Heritage we serve wine. If this is a hindrance to your conscience, we provide grape juice in the outer rim of the tray.

# WE SING A SONG OF RESPONSE

## Doxology

(Romans 11)

Oh the depth of the riches  
And the wisdom and knowledge of God  
How unsearchable His judgments  
How untraceable His paths  
Who knows the mind of our God  
Who could bring counsel to Him  
Who has given to God  
That God should repay

For from Him through Him to Him is everything

### Chorus

To God be the glory forever and ever  
To God be the glory forever amen

Hallelujah to God be the glory  
Forever and ever  
Forever and ever  
Forever and ever amen

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## BENEDICTION

### Jude 24–25

*Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.*

# GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

**Scriptures: Genesis 31:17–55**

**Song: How Firm a Foundation**

**Missions Prayer:** Freedom School/St. Louis, MO

## **PRAISE & PRAYER:**

- \* Pray that we will daily prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus as King!
- \* Pray for those who are recuperating from surgery, from chronic ailments and for our mothers-in-waiting!
- \* Pray for the Persecuted Church around the world.
- \* Pray that Community Groups cultivate close relationships that will encourage our walk with Christ.
- \* Pray that the Lord will continue to bring new people to our church family to join us in worshiping the Lord and learning of His love and mercy to us.
- \* Pray for our Session who leads Heritage PCA in the direction that God has planned for us. Teaching Elder: Rev. Jesse York; Ruling Elders: Rich Albert, Ken Leslie, Steve McVey, Mark Saeger, Larry Valentine.
- \* Pray for Rev. Jesse York as he preaches God's Word to us as our Senior Pastor and encourage our walk as the redeemed of God.