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Pastor Ruben Sernas

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Joe Mayberry

John Hrenko

Deacons

Rick Adams

Gary Morgan

Jim Swank

Joe Graves

Angelo Sica

Financial Update as of 6.28.26

June Giving \$16,177

June Est Expenses \$20,000

YTD Budget \$199,229

YTD Giving \$195,585

*(our fiscal year runs Sept-Aug)***Attendance last Sunday**

Worship Service 66

Please pray for these Heritage families this coming week:

Bo & Darlinda Moffett

Gary & Lorraine Morgan

Sharon Mundy

Brian, Charlotte & James O'Shaughnessy

Fred & Dolores Palmer

This morning's Youth Ministry volunteers**Worship nursery:** _____ + _____**Jr Church:** Amy Forrest & Phyllis Loveless**Next Sunday, 7/12****Worship nursery:** Sophia Sernas + Lorraine Morgan**Jr Church:** Betsy Swank & Jean Sica*A Reformed congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America*

Heritage Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship**9:30 am****You may contact us at**

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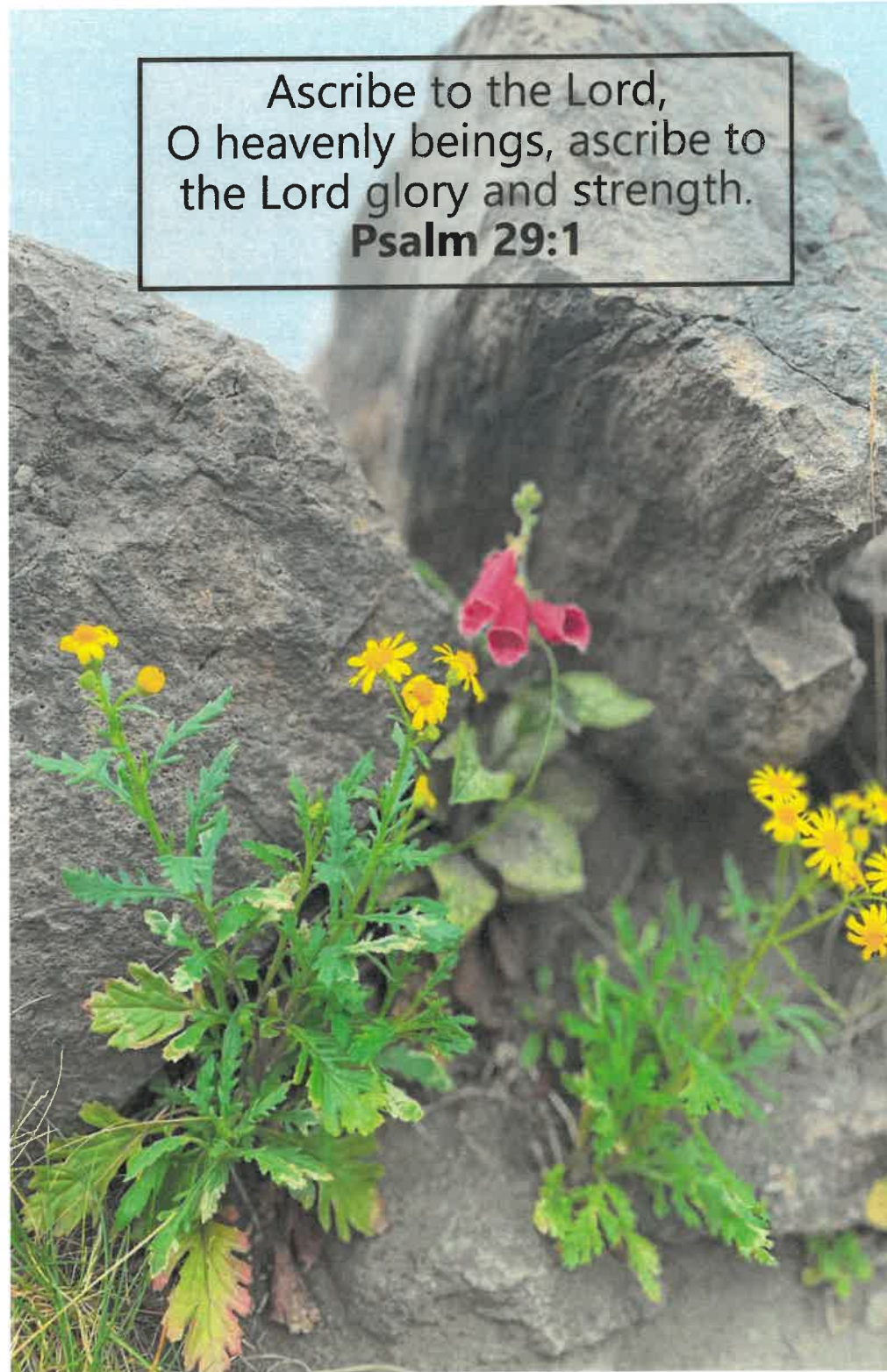
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Ascribe to the Lord,
O heavenly beings, ascribe to
the Lord glory and strength.
Psalms 29:1



July 5, 2026

Delighting in God

Prelude

Debbie Adams

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Ruben Sernas

Approaching God

Call to Worship: Psalm 29:1-2 (ESV)

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

*** Song of Praise: To God Be the Glory**

Prayer of Adoration

Confessing our Need of God's Sustaining Grace:

Heavenly Father, in good times, we declare boldly that we trust in Your fatherly care and kindness, yet when trials come our way, we quickly feel abandoned and alone, convinced that You have forgotten us. Forgive us for doubting that You are our faithful Heavenly Father. Lord Jesus, forgive us for quickly forgetting that You are our great sympathetic High Priest. You sympathize with our suffering and weaknesses. You laid down Your life for us so that we can have eternal life. You offered Yourself as the perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. Even now, You regularly pray for us at the right hand of God the Father. Holy Spirit, remind our hearts that Christ is our Great Advocate. Whenever we are enduring trials and tribulations, help us to grow in prayerfulness and draw near to the throne of grace so that we may receive divine help in our time of need. In Christ's name, Amen.

Assurance of God's Sustaining Grace: Hebrews 14:16 (ESV)

Since then we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*** Song of Thanksgiving**

with Cecelia Epote

Call to Give: Deuteronomy 16:17 (ESV)

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

Prayer of Praise & Intercession

*** Song of Anticipation: Who Am I?**
Living Hope

Hearing God

Reading of God's Word: Romans 8:12-17 (ESV)

Sermon

"Abba, Father"

Pastor Ruben Sernas

**** COMMUNION**

*** Closing Song: How Deep the Father's Love**

*** Benediction**

**All who are able, please stand*

***Our Communion bread is gluten-free*

After the Worship service, if you have a special prayer request or a question concerning the sermon or a question regarding eternal life with God, please come to one of the front pews, someone will be glad to speak with you.

Taking the Sermon Home With You – July 5, 2026
Romans 8:12-17 “Abba, Father”

The Spirit of Slavery

The Spirit of Adoption

Questions for Personal or Group Discussion:

1. Why does Paul describe Christians as debtors in verse 12?
2. What does it mean that the sons of God are led by the Spirit in verse 13?
3. Why are sons of slavery associated with fear?
4. What is the significance of calling God "Abba, Father"?
5. What does it mean to be fellow heirs with Christ?

The Lord's Supper

As we celebrate the Lord's Supper, it is important to understand what it means. In our church and our denomination (PCA - Presbyterian Church in America), our doctrinal standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith and Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms. These statements of faith are summaries of biblical teaching. I will use two questions and answers from the Westminster Shorter Catechism for our responsive reading. The minister will read the questions and the whole congregation will respond with the answers.

Minister - Q. 92. What is a sacrament?

Congregation - *A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the New Covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.*

Minister - Q. 96. What is the Lord's Supper?

Congregation - *The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, His death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of His body and blood, with all His benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.*

Words of Institution: **1 Corinthians 11: 23** For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, **24** and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” **25** In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” **26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. **27** Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. **28** Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. **29** For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Participants: Heritage Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone for salvation; who forsake their sin; and who are members in good standing of a Christian church which proclaims the Gospel and rightfully understands and administers the sacraments to receive communion with us. If this does not describe you, we respectfully ask that you would abstain from this meal.

Silent Prayer: Let us prepare our hearts before we partake of the Lord's Supper with a silent prayer.

Distribution of the Elements

Partaking of the Lord's Supper

BREAD: 1 Corinthians 11:23 “This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Let us partake of the bread together.

WINE: 1 Corinthians 11:25 “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Let us partake together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: We conclude our celebration of the Lord's Supper by offering a prayer of thanksgiving. Let us pray together:

Congregation - *Thank You, Lord Jesus, for dying for our sins. We are also grateful that by this sacred meal we have intensified our communion with You. We glorify You for this spiritual nourishment that we have received by faith. We praise You for our unity in Christ which we have expressed by this meal. In Christ's name, Amen.*