

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 22, 2018

9:45 A.M.

PRELUDE

Ring Joyfully, Genesis Ringers
His Eye is on the Sparrow, Chancel Ringers
(Mindy Bowman, flute; Mark Gadson, percussion; Glenn Kinckner, piano)

S. Geschke
J. Raney

WELCOME *(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad in your pew.)*

CHORAL INTROIT

The Lord is My Shepherd
The Lord is my shepherd I shall for nothing want. He makes me lie down in pastures of green beside still waters, He restores my soul. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from John 10 & Psalm 100)

Leader: "I am the Good Shepherd," says the LORD.

People: "My sheep know me; and I know them."

Leader: The Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep.

People: And the sheep know the Shepherd's voice; He calls His sheep by name and leads them out.

Leader: Come and worship, for our God shall feed His flock.

People: Enter into His courts with praise; for we are the sheep of His pasture!

HYMN #802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Verse 1 – Choir; 2 – All; 3 – All; 4 – Men; 5 – Women; 6 – All

(stand if able)

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where steams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess how much we are like sheep. We wander astray; we pay little attention to what we're doing, and often have no idea where we're going. You alone know how often we have wandered far afield. Despite all that, we still want to be in charge. We forget that in You we have a Shepherd who loves us, who can guide us, who can keep us safe. O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, the sheep of Your fold. Remind us what it means to belong to a good and gracious Shepherd.....(*time for us to offer silent prayers of confession*).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

GLORIA PATRI

(please stand if able)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

(please stand if able)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – “*The Peace of Christ*”

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Will Todd Piano Solo

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

Will Todd

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'Tis Grace hath brought me safe thus far, and Grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

This Earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine; but God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. Amazing Grace.

DOXOLOGY *(please stand if able)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(from PCUSA Mission Yearbook)

Holy God, we give You thanks today for opportunities You give us to build better relationships, do justice and be witnesses of the reconciling love we have known through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Use these gifts to that end. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23

Refrain



The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

Refrain

He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

**Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.**

Refrain

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

**Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Refrain

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 15: 1-7

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Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Lost and Found”

Don Lincoln

HYMN #803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

(stand if able)

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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