

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

The Lord Is My Shepherd, arr. R. Haan¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

inspired by Psalm 23

Leader: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

People: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

Leader: Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

People: Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN 451**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See, Open My Eyes*²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

You welcome us to your fold,
but we make others feel as if they don't belong.

Forgive our life-alienating ways,
our exclusion and judgment;

the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade.

Redeem us. Restore us.

Help us be faithful as your flock (*continue with silent confession*). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.

People: **We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

*ACCLAMATION HYMN

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven, Ode to Joy*³

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high!

Alleluia! to the Savior who has won the victory.

Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity,

Alleluia! Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty!

*PASSING THE PEACE *(please use a fist/elbow bump or wave for your greeting)*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Please stand, turn to the back wall and wave to our online worshippers, offering them the peace of Christ and then greet each other.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - RESPONSIVE PSALM 23

HYMN 473 *Shepherd Me, O God*⁴

The congregation will sing the refrain when indicated by the cantor.

SECOND LESSON

John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

After the message, children may follow the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

SERMON

Knowing

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper, W Zlobie Lezy⁵

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

We Shall Walk Through the Valley, U.S. Moore⁶

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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My Shepherd Will Supply My Need, V. Thomson⁷

*DEDICATION HYMN 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Lasst Uns Erfreuen⁸*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to Christ's ministry. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us, Bradbury⁹

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*, Randolph¹⁰

POSTLUDE

Precious Lord, Take My Hand, arr. E. Lund¹¹

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