

2. “Let not your heart be troubled,” his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free;
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

3. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free;
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

†CLOSING PRAYER (in unison)

Good Shepherd, keep us safe in your care in all of the varied circumstances of life. When we are worried and afraid, comfort us with your Word. Give us opportunities for love and service to others so that we, walking in your righteous paths, will bring glory and honor to your holy name. When our last hour comes, walk with us through the shadowed valley of death to life in the light of your presence forever. Amen.

†BENEDICTION (Sung)

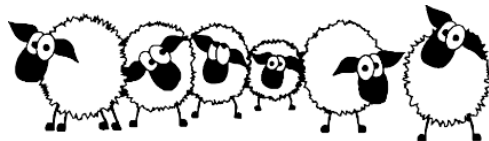
“His Name Is Wonderful”

His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He is the mighty King, Master of everything; his name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he;
bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

†POSTLUDE

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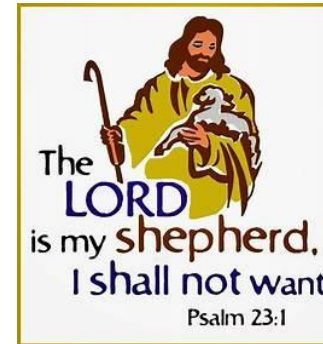
- Dana Moody



Today’s service is being broadcast on Facebook Live at 11:00 am. You can access the service through the Oaklette Church Group on Facebook. You must be a member of that group page to see it however. Please send Dr. Tim a Facebook request to join the group if you are not already a member of the group. You can also access the sermon through the Oaklette UMC Facebook page. If you are unable to use Facebook Live a link can be sent to you by email after the Facebook Live Worship has been recorded, but we will need your email address to do this. The Facebook Live service will also be downloaded to our website on Monday morning.

The flowers on the altar today are presented to the glory of God. in honor of Jane Basnight by Eileen Ballance.

The Food Basket on the altar is presented to the glory of God.



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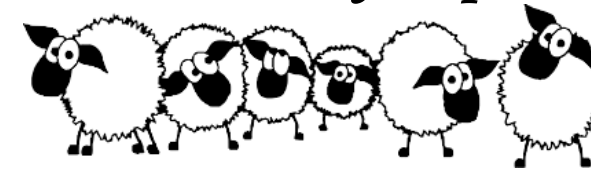
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The Lord Is My Shepherd



*Welcome in the name of our Lord. A nurturing and well-supervised nursery is available for infants and young children. A Crying Room is also available. Please ask the greeter for further assistance and direction to these rooms.
[†] = Invites persons to stand as they are able.*

PRELUDE

THE MORNING WELCOME

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

CENTERING PRAYER (in unison)

Lord Jesus, you came into the world to be our Savior and our Shepherd. You laid down your life to save us. When we are in distress and frightened by the trouble and the dangers that so often confront us, surround us with your loving care. Give us comfort and hope through your holy Word. When our last hour comes, keep us close in your care and walk with us through the valley of the shadow of death, the shadowed valley through which you have already passed in your death and resurrection. You have conquered and your victory is our victory. Hear our prayer, mighty Shepherd, and accept our praise. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN

“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought” #128 (Verses 1-3)

1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

[Refrain:] He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

[Refrain:] He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

[Refrain:] He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

4. And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

[Refrain:] He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

A CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER INSPIRED BY THE 23RD PSALM (responsively)

Lay Reader: I am the Good Shepherd. Fear not for I am with you. Do not be
dismayed for I am your Lord. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help
you. I will hold you up with my right hand.

People: **Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil, for You are with me. Your rod for protection and your
staff for guidance, they comfort me.**

Lay Reader: I am your Shepherd. When you pass through the waters, I will be with
you; and through the rivers, you shall not be drowned. When you walk
through fire, you shall not be burned.

People: **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will revive me. Lord
You stretch out Your hand against the wickedness of my enemies,
and your right hand saves me.**

Lay Reader: You are the sheep of my pasture, I have created you, formed you. Do
not fear for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name. You
are mine.

People: **Though many should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear.
Though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. You,
Lord, are the Shepherd of my soul. You are my light and my
salvation., You are the strength of my life. How great is Your
goodness toward those who trust in You!**

Lay Reader: I am the Good Shepherd and I say to you “Fear not little flock, for it is
your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. He has
determined to give you the Kingdom.”

People: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sung to the tune of “Crown Him with Many Crowns”)

The Lord my shepherd is, I shall be well supplied;
since he is mine and I am his, what can I want beside?

He leads me to the place where heavenly pasture grows,
where living waters gently pass, and full salvation flows.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

**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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “He’s Always Been Faithful” - Monica Whitehurst

SCRIPTURE READING - Isaiah 53:5-12 (MSG)

He was wounded and crushed because of our sins; by taking our punishment, he made us
completely well. ⁶ All of us were like sheep that had wandered off. We had each gone our own
way, but the LORD gave him the punishment we deserved.

⁷ He was painfully abused, but he did not complain. He was silent like a lamb being led to
the butcher, as quiet as a sheep having its wool cut off. ⁸ He was condemned to death without
a fair trial.

Who could have imagined what would happen to him? His life was taken away
because of the sinful things my people had done. ⁹ He wasn't dishonest or violent,
but he was buried in a tomb among cruel, rich people.

¹⁰ The LORD decided his servant would suffer as a sacrifice to take away the sin and guilt of
others. Now the servant will live to see his own descendants. He did everything the LORD had
planned. ¹¹ By suffering, the servant will learn the true meaning of obeying the LORD.
Although he is innocent, he will take the punishment for the sins of others, so that many of
them will no longer be guilty.

¹² The LORD will reward him with honor and power for sacrificing his life. Others thought
he was a sinner, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us.

THE RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURE READING

Pastor: *This is the Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Walking through the Valley of Shadows” - Dr. Tim Hazlett

HYMN OF RESPONSE “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

1. Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free;
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

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