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CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(As the music begins you are invited to come forward to receive the elements.
Baskets have been placed in the front to receive your CAP offering.)
[CityAlight music video "Shepherd."]*

†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)

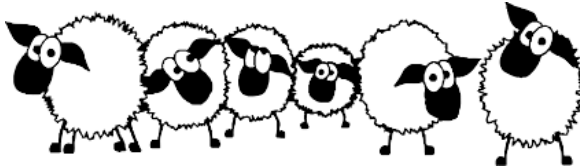
"His Name Is Wonderful"

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

"Shalom"

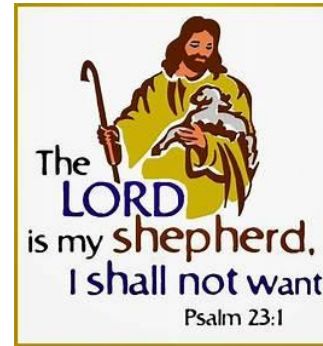
- Dana Moody



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 by Tim and Lori Hazlett in celebration of their anniversary.

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



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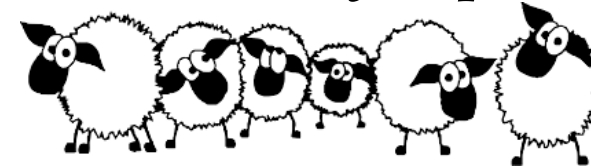
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The Lord Is My Shepherd



*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

"Communion Prayer"

Dana Moody

THE MORNING WELCOME

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

CENTERING PRAYER (in unison)

Gracious God, in love You open wide the doors and welcome us into Your presence—saints and sinners alike. You spread a table before us, filled with the richest fare—a feast of love and mercy for the body and soul. We come with joy to meet You here, to eat and drink at Your table, to taste and see Your goodness, to celebrate Your grace and mercy in our lives. May Your Spirit inspire our praise and thanksgiving, our prayers and petitions as we worship together in Your presence. In the name of Jesus Christ, our host and Lord, Amen.

†OPENING HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#381 (Verses 1-3)

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
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3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
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A CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER INSPIRED BY THE 23RD PSALM (responsively)

Lay Reader: Gentle Shepherd: thank you for the way you have led us to green pastures and still water; you’ve shown us beauty this week that has fed our souls.

People: **The brilliant green of the budding trees glowing in the morning sun, the delicate symphony the birds sing each morning, the caress of the warm sun on our upraised cheeks, and the fragrance of jasmine in the evening.**

Lay Reader: Some of us have walked through dark valleys this week, and all of us know someone in a dark valley, valleys of sickness, grief, uncertainty, fear.

People: **You meet us there in the darkness, you protect us.**

Lay Reader: Our enemies are present in our lives; forces that would take us away from you. Pride, envy, hatred, selfishness, all played out on an individual and corporate level.

People: **We need your help in our lives.**

Lay Reader: You have heard the concerns of our hearts that were spoken during our sharing time today, and you heard the concerns that were unspoken, which weigh too heavily for us to share them.

People: **We call on you for help; you guide us carefully.**

Lay Reader: You have provided for our basic needs this week,

People: **Thank you for the food we’ve eaten, for the luxury of variety in our diet, for the joy of cooking, for the clean water that comes out of our taps.**

Lay Reader: You anoint us with oil,

People: **You gift us with grace, providing unexpected blessings over and over, encouragement and new strength when we falter, tender compassion when we are spent.**

Lay Reader: Goodness and mercy is following us all the days of our lives.

People: **We give thanks for this good life, for life and breath this day, a day to praise and thank you, we want to stay in your Presence forever. Amen.**

CONGREGATION 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

“For Me ”

- Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

- John 10:7-14 (CEV)

⁷ Jesus said: I tell you for certain that I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ Everyone who came before me was a thief or a robber, and the sheep did not listen to any of them. ⁹ I am the gate. All who come in through me will be saved. Through me they will come and go and find pasture.

¹⁰ A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. I came so everyone would have life, and have it fully. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd, and the good shepherd gives up his life for his sheep. ¹² Hired workers are not like the shepherd. They don't own the sheep, and when they see a wolf coming, they run off and leave the sheep. Then the wolf attacks and scatters the flock. ¹³ Hired workers run away because they don't care about the sheep.

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and they know me. ¹⁵ Just as the Father knows me, I know the Father, and I give up my life for my sheep.

THE RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURE READING

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Sheep of His Pasture”

- Dr. Tim Hazlett

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Jesus, Shepherd, Lead Us”

1. Jesus, Shepherd, lead Thy sheep o’er life’s mountains, rough and steep;
From all worldliness withhold, guide us to the heav’nly fold.
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Fit us, in this fold of love, for the heav’nly fold above.

3. We the sheep of Thine own choice, may we know our Shepherd’s voice;
May we gladly leave our all, gladly follow at Thy call.
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Fit us, in this fold of love, for the heav’nly fold above.

4. Thou hast saved us by Thy grace, help us to reflect Thy face;
Thou hast bought us, we are Thine, may we in Thine image shine.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY TODAY

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Nursery Care Providers: Debbie & David Rippard

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