

MORNING WORSHIP

November 7, 2021

Half past Ten O'Clock

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation. Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* arr. Anna Page

INTROIT "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" MORECAMBE

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Leader: We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,

Congregation: The One who calls us each by name and restores our souls,

Leader: The One who leads us in the way of righteousness.

Congregation: The One whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us.

All: This is the God we have come to worship!

Leader: Thank You, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which You have blessed our lives with Your abundant love and presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear Your words. Stir our souls into active service to Your people. In the name of Jesus Christ, The Good Shepherd, who leads us to new life. Amen.

+*HYMN 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" AMAZING GRACE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CHORAL REFRAIN "Shepherd Me, O God" SHEPHERD ME
Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: We grumble and complain about our daily lot in life.

We read the news, moaning about the evil which flourishes in the world.

Congregation: And we wonder, "Where are You, O God?"

*UNISON REFRAIN **Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Leader: We turn our backs on the needs of the poor. We throw our hands in the air, acting as though we are defeated.

Congregation: And we cry, "Why isn't God taking care of all this?"

*UNISON REFRAIN **Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Leader: Forgive us, patient Lord. Forgive our arrogance, ignorance and pettiness. Forgive us when we could have done something to help but chose to turn away. Often our attitudes, language, thoughts and actions, have gone against Your will.

Congregation: How can we doubt Your presence? Help us to trust and praise You. Give us strength, courage, and joy for the journey ahead. In the name of Jesus, The Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for us, His sheep.

*UNISON REFRAIN **Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 10:14-15

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, elementary children are invited to the Chapel.

Younger children are invited to the Chapel with a parent anytime.

SCRIPTURE LESSON (Unison)

Psalm 23

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. 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. 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 for ever.

SERMON

"My Shepherd, Our Shepherd"

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS Text to Give

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Look at the World"

John Rutter

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER DEDICATION (Unison)

God of love, You abide with us; You provide for all our needs and guide us in Your ways. Out of gratitude for Your care, we bring our gifts to You. Use them for Your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

RESIGNATION

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "For the Life That Have Given"

PLEADING SAVIOR

*POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress is our God*

arr. Wilbur Held

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

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