



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Good Shepherd Sunday
3 May 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Voluntary

The Lord's My Shepherd

Searle M. Wright

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Call to Worship

The Lord is my shepherd.

Psalm 23

There is nothing I lack.

God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name.

God bathes my head in oil:

My cup is so full it spills over

Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in God's house forever.

Friends, let us worship with joy and quiet confidence.

Hymn 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.

In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

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We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.

Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;

you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.

Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

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Invitation to Confession

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Prayer of Confession

Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice. Yet, we confess to you and to one another, our lives do not always reflect a quiet confidence in your goodness and kindness. Forgive us for our inability to trust you, to listen to you and to follow your ways. Forgive us for pursuing our own misguided ways and lead us by the still waters of your loving and healing presence. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

Declaration of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

and those with whom we worship.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. God makes me lie down in green pastures; God leads me beside still waters; and restores my soul. God leads me in right paths for God's name sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Music Interlude

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

Second Scripture Reading

John 10:14-18

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.

Sermon

Quiet Confidence

Rev. Blythe D. Kieffer

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long."

Psalm 23:6

Music

How Beautiful

Twila Paris

How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross
How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ (Refrain)
How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That choose to forgive and never despise
And as He laid down His life
We offer this sacrifice that we will live just as he died
Willing to pay the price
How beautiful the radiant bride
Who waits for her groom with His light in her eyes
How beautiful when humble hearts give
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live
How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth

The Church at Prayer

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.

Introduction to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Holy and generous God,
You have anointed us and we are yours.
Bless these tithes and offerings that they may become green pastures
and still waters for any and all who need your comfort and restoration.
Amen.

Music

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found.
Was blind, but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace (Refrain)
The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

Charge and Benediction

Voluntary

Sortie

Noel Rawsthorne

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry
Dale T. Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts
Eleanor VanDeventer, Soprano
Lyle VanDeventer, Bass
Bob Fox, Videographer