

Sunday May 3rd, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Come to worship, all who are tired and thirsty.

All: The Good Shepherd leads us to grassy meadows and restful waters.

One: Come to worship, all who are anxious and afraid.

All: The Good Shepherd protects us and leads us through dark valleys.

One: Come to worship, all who are empty and exhausted.

All: The Good Shepherd fills our lives with goodness and faithful love.

One: Come to worship, to be refreshed, to rest, and to receive.

All: The Good Shepherd brings us together as one church.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 409 "Morning Has Broken"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

God, Beloved Shepherd, Guardian of our souls, we come to listen for your familiar voice. Call to us above the noise of our lives. Even though we are apart, remind us that together we are your flock. Feed us in the pastures of your love and lead us to abundant life. Amen.

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: VU – "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

Gospel Reading: John 10: 1-18

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

Loving Shepherd, you lead us along right paths and give us abundant life. Still, we resist your call. We want to be in control; we wish to determine our own direction. Forgive us when we ignore your voice and turn away. Bring us back into your fold through the gates of your redeeming love. Amen.

Time of Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: Even when we stray like sheep, the Good Shepherd finds us and brings us home.

All: Through Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Anthem: Fernando Ortega – “*Good Shepherd*”

Message: Leading from the Front

Hymn: VU 747 “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

The Offering

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Give thanks to God in love made known,
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 422 “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

The Blessing and Benediction

***Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
Know He will guide you in all you do.***

***Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above!
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.***

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Postlude: Keith & Kristyn Getty – “Good Shepherd of My Soul”