

Order of Worship
6:00pm September 16, 2020



PRELUDE

Mary Ann Hatfield

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 37)

One: Do not fret because of the wicked...

All: Do not be envious of wrongdoers.

One: Instead, trust in the Lord, and do good.

All: And remember to sow seeds of faithfulness.

One: Take delight in the Lord...

All: And He will give you the desires of Your heart.

OPENING HYMN, hymnal, # 381

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

- 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! He, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! He, O hear us when we pray.**
- 3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be. Thou has mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and wondrous God, we stand in awe before You and bless Your name. We set aside our agendas and our “to do” lists so we can breathe deeply and settle into the rest that is waiting for our souls. We turn our eyes toward You, waiting expectantly for You to speak and for Your Holy Spirit to knit our hearts with Yours. Bless and lead this worship, O Lord, so that we might know You more and follow where You lead. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

HYMN, TFWS, # 2058

“Shepherd Me, O God”

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

1. ***God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace. {REFRAIN}***
2. ***Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, My spirit shall sing the music of your name. {REFRAIN}***
3. ***Though I should wander the val-ley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. {REFRAIN}***
5. ***Surely your kindness and mercy follow me All the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. {REFRAIN}***

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10: 1 - 11

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

MESSAGE

“Happiness vs. Pleasure”

Pastor Andy

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Andy: The Lord be with you...

All: ***And also with you.***

Andy: Lift up your hearts...

All: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Andy: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...

All: ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Andy: ...And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn...

