

June 30, 2024

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting and Announcements

Welcome Statement (Printed on the bulletin insert)

Into the Silence **Psalm 23**

*Shepherd Me, O God beyond my wants,
beyond my needs, from death unto life.*

Prelude and Bringing in the Light

Call to Worship

Leader: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy; and my burden is light.”

L: “Come to me,” Jesus said

P: In our weariness, carrying our burdens, we come seeking rest.

L: “I will give you rest,” Jesus promised.

P: And claiming that promise this morning, we find we are at peace.

L: “Take my yoke,” Jesus said. “Learn from me gentleness and humility.”

P: We take your yoke, Lord, following your direction, and we feel our burden grow lighter and our fears grow less daunting.

ALL: Trusting for this morning the love of God, the Grace of Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit, we come with joy to worship.

• **Hymn** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (On Screen)

• Morning Prayer

Holy One, today we pray for peace in a world that knows too much of war. Shape us to play our part as a peaceful people. We pray for harmony in this congregation. Give us—this Body of Christ, a spirit of reconciliation, a heart for generosity, and a

willingness to listen to each other with kindness and without judgement. We pray for the Creation, in all its beauty and fragility. Give us an urge to care for this mothering earth that can only be born of love. Give us the will to preserve what remains, and the courage to act for the benefit of the children who will live in the world we leave them. We ask so much because we trust your grace—the grace that keeps hope alive and gratitude constant. Amen.

* The Promise

There is no wrong you can confess for which you have not already and long ago been forgiven. This is the Gospel—the Good News for us this morning and every morning. Good News for which we all say—

Thanks Be to God

• Sung Response

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices the Lord is near.
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Invitation to the Table *At this Table*

Kid's Time

Offering

Adapted from Matthew 5

“Blessed are the poor in spirit. Blessed are those who mourn. Blessed are the meek. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Blessed are the merciful. Blessed are the pure in heart. Blessed are the peacemakers.”

Offertory

• **Sung Response** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow...*

• Gratitude Prayer (Unison)

Generosity without limits; abundance we can't imagine; grace beyond our deserving. For all we receive we give thanks. On all we give back we ask your blessing. For this world you love we hope for peace. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading**Isaiah 41:10**

Do not fear (God says), for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

2nd Scripture Reading**I John 4:7-12**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul

***Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
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He leads me in right paths

for his name's 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.

***Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
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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

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