

Morning Worship

July 18, 2021, 9:30 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit
Please remember to silence your cell phones*

Worship Theme: Restoration - Through the Shepherd

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Chuck

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Psalm 28:6-9 Leader

Leader: Blessed be the Lord,
People: **for He has heard the sound of my pleadings.**
Leader: The Lord is my strength and my shield;
People: **in him my heart trusts;**
Leader: so I am helped, and my heart exults,
People: **and with my song I give thanks to Him.**
Leader: The Lord is the strength of His people;
People: **He is the saving refuge of his anointed.**
Leader: O save your people, and bless your heritage;
People: **be their shepherd, and carry them forever.**

***Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) 1 Peter 5:4 Leader
Heavenly Father, we thank you for your guidance that led us here today. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us so that as our Shepherd knows us and provides for us in every way, we may also know His voice, follow in His ways, and gather together as His people. As the Apostle Peter writes, we eagerly await the arrival of the "Chief Shepherd" so that we may "win the crown of glory that never fades away." Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" UMH # 557
arr. Lowell Mason
Composer: John Fawcett

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages Pastor Chuck

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Jeremiah 231-6 (NRSV) Leader
Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Reading** Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (NRSV) Leader
Lector: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "*Unshepherd*" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Sanctuary" (sung twice) TFWS # 2164
Words and music: J. Thompson
and R. Scuggs

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader
Chief Shepherd, we confess that while you always provide for all of our needs, we still want. While you continue to invite us to lie down in green pastures, we feel the urgency to move. While you lead us to still and calming waters, our souls continue to be in turmoil. Lord, we need one who will lead us on the right paths instead of those we choose. We need a shepherd we can trust. We need you. Please forgive us for our tendency to scatter. Through your goodness and mercy, bring us back into the fold under you, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (*Please mail in your offerings*)

*Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Lord God, we humbly approach this time of offering. We are grateful for the ability to give of our treasures, which are from the abundance that You have blessed us with. We pray that these offerings be blessed and used for Your purpose in ways that we can't even imagine. We are in awe of Your power and control of "what comes next" and thank you for allowing us to be a part of your glorious plan. May Your will be done. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" TFWS # 2158
Words and music: Rick Founds

Benediction

Benediction Response "Bind Us Together" TFWS # 2226
Words and music: Bill Gillman

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