

# Sunday Worship

## July 21, 2024, 10:00 am

*\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

**Worship Theme:** The Good Shepherd

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "Offertory on Pisgan" Steven Scott

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** John Rajpolt

**\*Call to Worship** *Psalm 23*

**Leader:** The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

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

**Leader:** He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**People:** **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.**

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

**People:** **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.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" UMH #546  
(v. 1,2,5)

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader  
Holy Jesus, we come here today, hoping to get closer to you. Sometimes we feel like we know the way. Other times we feel like "*sheep without a shepherd.*" Teach us. Remind us that you are the one and only Good Shepherd. Allow us to hear your voice today and remind us how deeply you know us. Give us the strength to follow you. We commit our presence here today to follow, and be fed, by you alone. We pray this all in your precious name. Amen.

Words of Assurance      Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament Lesson:** [Jeremiah 23:1-6](#) (NRSV)

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Lesson:** [Mark 6:30-44](#) (NRSV)

**Lector:** The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Message** Fed by the Shepherd

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn of Response** "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" TFWS #2158

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns**

**Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer**

**The Offering of our Gifts**

**\*Doxology**

**Offering Prayer (Unison)**

Heavenly God, you promised to gather your people and provide us with worthy shepherds - and the Church was born. You promised to send a righteous leader of those shepherds - and Jesus became that Good Shepherd. You promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age - and you sent the Holy Spirit. What can't you do? You are truly Jehovah-Jireh; the God who Provides. But, you still ask us to be a part of that provision. So, with trust in you, we provide these gifts for your use. Use them, and use us, to fulfill more of your promises in this world. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

\*Sending Hymn                    “Bind Us Together”                    TFWS #2226

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response                    ”Holy, Holy”                    TFWS #2039

Postlude

*Join us for Coffee Hour hosted by Shope Family*

**Coming Up:**

**July 28th - Sunday Worship Service @10am** - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God’s Word through the wisdom of John Wesley - the founder of Methodism. Come join us for this new adventure! 😊

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Join us Wednesday’s @ 7:30am for

**Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)

(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)

(Recorded Sessions)

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**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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**“Growing in the Body of Christ”**