

April 26, 2015

Sunday School 10:00 am

Worship 11:00am

\*Please stand or sit as you are comfortable.

**WE GATHER**

Gospel Grass Selections

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, meet the Lord this day.

**People: He meets us in the green pastures and the quiet waters.**

Leader: Come, meet the Lord this day.

**People: He meets us along the paths that are clearly marked.**

Leader: Come, the Lord is waiting.

**People: He even waits for us in the shadows, in the valley of death, where our enemies dwell.**

Leader: And because he waits there, our Good Shepherd

**People: We will not fear. The Lord is waiting to meet us.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

**\*Opening Prayer**

Good Shepherd, you have guided us to worship again. Refresh and renew our souls. You know us and have called us by name. You walk with us when the shadows are darkest and our fear threatens to overtake us. In this time of community, of song and Word, refresh us again. Reassure us anew that you are the one whose voice calls to us, offering us hope and salvation. Amen.

**\*Extending the Hand of Fellowship**

**WE HEAR**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Young Disciples Moment

**\*Hymn**

Scripture Reading

John 10:11-18

Anthem

Sermon

“Meeting Jesus in the Shadows”

**WE RESPOND**

Testimony of Faith

**I believe I need a shepherd. Because I am sometimes timid and other times overconfident, because I often don't know the best path yet pretend I do, because I rush into dead ends or lead others into hazardous places, because my brightest ideas are seamed with darkness, because the things I crave may not be what is good for me, I need a shepherd.**

**I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd; his wisdom leads me to the best opportunities, his word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid, his arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden, his wounded body displays the cost of my rescue. I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd. I believe that I do not find him but he finds me, that I under his care by virtue of sheer grace, the love he gives me is to be shared with others, that he treasures my name and prepares a place for me, that his fold transfixes earth and heaven. I trust Jesus, the good shepherd. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer and Sung Response

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering of Gifts

**\*Doxology**

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\*Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn of Commitment

\*Benediction & Postlude