

David's UCC on May 3, 2020
Online Worship Bulletin



Opening Music – *Tim Williams & Lyn Morton*

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. John Carter

Welcome –

Call to Worship – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb & Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

One: The psalmist says: God is our shepherd; we don't need for anything.

Many: Jesus taught: The sheep recognize the voice of the good shepherd;

One: The good shepherd calls the sheep by their names,

Many: And leads them to where they can lay down safely in green pastures,

One: guides them to quiet pools to drink from.

Many: God restores our souls

One: So, put away your cares.

And put away your anxieties.

God has not forsaken us.

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Many: God has not forsaken us, God restores our souls.

One: Could a mother forget the child she has nurtured?

We are imprinted on the palms of God's hands.

Many: Neither will God forget us.

One: God is with us.

God is with us.

Many: God is with us.

Invocation –

Children's Moment –

A word about Giving/Support –

Special Music – "Shepherd Me, O God" Marty Haugen

Refrain to be sung by the congregation – **Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. While there are beautiful signs of Spring's renewal all around us, we are focused inward in**

this time of pandemic. Like farmers who struggle through the lean months of the year, longing for the arrival of the new growing season, we are experiencing leanness, struggle, and emptiness. Caught up in our own hopes, plans, and fantasies, we are crushed by the disappointments that seem inevitable in this time, we are slow to see the open pathways you set before us. Help us to accept responsibility for difficulties in our corporate and personal lives. Open our eyes, that we may accept the new life you offer us, show us ways we can continue to reach out and remain connected to all those people and things that enrich our lives with a sense of meaning and purpose, planting the seeds of caring and compassion in the pursuit of healing and justice, that we can one day reap a harvest of love and peace, thus showing forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ in our own lives and community. Amen.

Assurance, Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer –

Scriptures –

Canticle: Psalm 23

First: Acts 2: 42 – 47

Gospel: John 10: 1 – 11

Sermon – “We’ve been through valleys before...

... listen for the Shepherd's voice”

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – “Sheep May Safely Graze” J S Bach

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