

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

HOMILY "Ewe Talkin' to Me?" Said the Sheeple to the Shepherd

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

8:45am *see insert*

We welcome you, as your mask remains on, to come forward to share the Bread and Cup. Upon receiving the Meal, simply remove your mask at that moment, then return to your pew with your mask on. Or, if you would like to remain where you are, we welcome you to utilize the Communion packet at your pew.

INVITATION

HYMN *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, 138 (verses 1, 5, & 6) 11:00am

BENEDICTION

Go now in peace. **Stand firm in your faith. Be strong. Be brave.**

Let everything you do be done in love.

POSTLUDE

Sonata II: *Allegro maestoso e vivace*

11:00am

Felix Mendelssohn

OFFERING— Your generosity and gifts enable Rayne's ministries, thank you! Offerings will be received in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary behind the last pew. You can also give online (raynenola.org/contribute), by texting "giverayne" to 73256, or using the QR code.



WE WELCOME ALL— All are invited to participate fully in the life of this community of faith and love regardless of race, class, gender, or sexual orientation. We welcome all with open hearts, open minds, and open doors! Those who wish to become members are encouraged to contact: jay@raynenola.org.



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 2021



"Ewe Talkin' to Me?" Said the Sheeple to the Shepherd

*Our altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Huey P. Long by Bob Moffett.*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL

Welcome to All!

All are invited to participate in any of our activities,
and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

GATHERING

Rev. Jay Hogewood

PRELUDE

Sonata II: Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn 11:00am
Marcus St. Julien

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Rev. Marissa Teauseau Horvath

Shepherd of love, guide our thoughts and our actions

that we might become shepherds of your love.

Speak to our hearts as we listen this day

that our hearts may expand and embrace all of your sheep.

Love us fully that we might love all of the flocks of your world

and care for the hurting, the wounded, the hopeless and helpless.

HYMN* *For the Beauty of the Earth*, 92 (verses 1, 4, & 6) cantor 8:45am

PRAYER

The cover of God's sheltering love be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Merciful Shepherd, give us grace to love as you love.

Grant us the courage to protect and care for others,
even when we are afraid.

Grant us the strength of conviction to love you and serve others in
truth and action,

even when loving this way challenges us.

Awaken our curiosity and our empathy,

even when we tend to neglect the needs of others.

Forgive us when our love is absent, and show us how to offer grace
with more than just words. Shepherd us in our loving and our
living that others will see in us the fruit of your mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

11:00am

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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

**The People Standing*

THE RED STEPS

A Special Time for Our Children

*Children age 3 years old through 2nd grade may
attend children's church in the education building.*

OFFERING *Ushers with offering plates will pass by each pew. Please pass your
gift to the usher or place in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.*

Cassie Segal, 8:45am

The Heavens Sing Praises

Christian Furchtegott Gellert, Translation by anonymous, alt. K.L.S
Ludwig van Beethoven, Organ acc. K. Lee Scott

The heav'ns sing praises, O God to your glory, and all the earth
sounds forth your name. The universe tells the wonderful story and
all the spheres your might to claim! You set the numberless stars in
their places. And from its tent draws forth the sun?

It in the morning shines warmly upon us,

then mounts the skies, its race to run;

then mounts the skies it race to run.

Then let us praise now this Lord of great glory; creation ever sounds
forth might. It tells of wisdom, of law and of order; it tells of mercy,
love and light. The stars that glitter afar in the heavens, oh mortal,
can you count them all? To God be glory who all things created;
now on your knees adoring fall, now on your knees adoring fall.

Laurie Phillips, 11:00am

Set Me as a Seal

K. Lee Scott

Set me as a seal upon your heart,

as a seal upon your arm,

for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love,

nor the floods drown it.

And if one were to give all the possessions of his house for love,
it would utterly be despised.

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for love is strong as death.

HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth, 92 (verses 1, 4, & 6)

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and
mild; **(Refrain)**

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in
heaven: **(Refrain)**

HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is, 138 (verses 1, 5, & 6)

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth
never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

All are welcome at the table!

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent
of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION

Gracious God, we often forget that you dwell in our hearts and
heads. We fail to notice that your Holy Spirit is present in our lives at
all times. When we forget, we admit we stumble and fall; we turn
away from you. Then we trust in worldly goods instead of your
faithful love and care. Help us turn again to your grace, your healing
and your truth. Forgive us and restore us to newness of life.

(silence)

PARDON

'No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.'
Sisters and brothers,
receive God's forgiveness and dwell in love and grace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we
praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living
sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER