

Response Glory to God

Sharing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Response Peace Song

We Receive the Word

Children's Message

Scripture John 10:22-30

Sermon The Voice

We Respond to the Word

Statement of Belief Apostles' Creed

Offertory

Lord Jesus, use the gifts we bring so that all may feel your embrace in arms of love, your mercy in our hearts of forgiveness, your wisdom, compassion, and hope in our ministries. Thank you that we can give! In your name we pray, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song You Are Mine

We Are Sent Out to the World

Benediction

Leader: And let all God's people say...

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Response Dream Statement

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Ministers - All the People

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We Gather

Welcome

First Reading: *Let Your God Love You* by Edwina Gateley

Be silent.

Be still.

Alone.

Empty

Before your God.

Say nothing.

Ask nothing.

Be silent.

Be still.

Let your God look upon you.

That is all.

God knows.

God understands.

God loves you

With an enormous love,

And only wants

To look upon you

With that love.

Quiet.

Still.

Be.

Let your God—

Love you.

Setting intentions about hope and trust in God. How will you let God love you, and place your hope and trust in the one in whose loving hands you are held?

Silence is kept

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. The Good Shepherd bids us come and follow where he leads, in green pastures and by still waters.

People: We seek the grace of God, and our souls are restored!

Leader: Our Good Shepherd leads us in the paths of righteousness. Even in the valley of the shadow of death; we need not fear.

People: We seek the presence of God, and we fear no evil.

Leader: God prepares a table for us in the presence of our enemies.

People: We seek the grace of God, and our cup overflows.

Leader: Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.

People: And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

All: Alleluia! Let us worship God!

Opening Songs

Our God is an Awesome God

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

We Prepare our Hearts

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we need Your forgiveness. You gave us Jesus, our Good Shepherd, but we have tried to take his place and take control ourselves. We have pleaded with you to care for us, but we have held back from caring for others and ignored their needs. Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us in the name of Jesus. Teach us by the Holy Spirit to follow You and trust you completely. Through Jesus Christ we pray.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice." Believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.