



“The Lord is My Shepherd”

Psalm 23:1

WHITNEY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcome

Rev. Christina Thompson

Lighting our candles

Call to Worship

from Psalm 23

Gardner Family

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

People: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures;

Leader: leads me beside still waters; restores my soul.

People: The Lord leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear not evil;

People: 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;

People: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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

People: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

Savior Like a
Shepherd Lead us

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Scripture

John 10:1-15

Sermon

Finding Abundant Life

Rev. Christina Thompson

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dewey Knowles

Offering

Closing Song Amazing Love, You are my King

Passing the Peace

Notes:

Opening Prayer

Oh God, our shepherd, open our hearts as we worship you this morning. Remind us how much we need your tender care. We ask your forgiveness for all of the times this week when we have wandered away from you and have been determined to take care of ourselves. Forgive our foolish ways. May we feel your love and mercy bringing us back into your care. Oh God, thank you that we are yours, that you seek us when we go astray and that you love us so much. You have loved us, love us still. Amen

Scripture: John 10: 1-15

Jesus the Good Shepherd

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 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.

Pastoral Prayer:

Oh God shepherd, you call us by name and we know your voice. In this world of pandemic, division and struggle for justice, open your gate for us, let us hear your voice so that we might have abundant life.

We pray for the whole church that we may be devoted to you word and to universal fellowship even as we are apart. May we be generous to all who have need.

We pray for our earth, for green pastures and still waters that we may restore them to the goodness and purity that they had when you created them.

On this Fourth of July Weekend, we pray for our country. We pray for and ask that you would inspire and give wisdom to the president, for all of our federal, state and city leaders. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel, all people and nations may work together. Give to the people of our county perseverance through this pandemic and for the will to fight for justice for all people.

We pray for those in need, for those in want, for those ill, especially for those with the coronavirus and for those who are dying and those we name now in the quiet of our hearts.

We pray for ourselves, our families and those we love. May no one live in fear and may all dwell in your presence.

Blessed are you, Great Shepherd, who through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, give us goodness and mercy and lead us down right paths and restore our souls.

We pray this in the name of the Good Shepherd who guides us and calls us by name. Amen.

Song Texts:

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us
Much we need Thy tender care
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us
For our use Thy folds prepare
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are

We are Thine, who Thou befriend us
Be the guardian of our way
Keep Thy flock from sin defend us
Seek us when we go astray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Hear Thy children when we pray
Blessed Jesus, oh blessed Jesus
Hear Thy children when we pray

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Amazing Love, You are My King

I'm forgiven, because you are forsaken.
I'm accepted, you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your spirit is within me,
because you died and rose again.
I'm forgiven, because you are forsaken.

I'm accepted, you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your spirit is within me,
because you died and rose again.
Amazing love, how can it be,
that you, my king, would die for me.
Amazing love, I know it's true...
It's my joy to honor you. In all I do, I honor you.
You are my King, you are my King,
Jesus, you are my King. Jesus, you are my King.
Amazing love, how can it be,
that you, my king, would die for me.
Amazing love, I know it's true...
It's my joy to honor you. In all I do, I honor you.
Amazing love, how can it be,
that you, my king, would die for me.
Amazing love, I know it's true...
It's my joy to honor you. In all I do, I honor you.
In all I do, I honor you.
In all I do, let me honor you.

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