

# Green Grass in the Desert

July 18, 2021 10:00 a.m.

**Pastor Daryl Blanksma**

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

*Svetlana Maddox*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Pastor Daryl*

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Liturgist, Lory Nesper*

One: Come, meet the one who said, “Come unto me, all who are weary and heavy laden.”

**Many: We come to meet the one who said, “I am the Good Shepherd.”**

One: Come meet the one who accepted all who came, regardless of gender, nationality, or history.

**Many: We come to meet the one who gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and hope to the despairing.**

One: Come, meet Jesus, who is both Savior and friend.

**OPENING SONG**

*Six Ways to Sunday (Band)*

“Come to the Quiet”

**OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)** *Liturgist, Lory Nesper*

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**Gracious God, we gather here this morning with lives that are filled with activity and movement. We rush from one thing to another as though we are going to run out of time to accomplish everything. Help us to let go of the hectic times and the stresses and find our rest in you. Relax our spirits and refresh our souls. Remind us that there will always be things to do and places to go, but that we need the rest of spirit that you provide. Amen.**

**CELEBRATION OF APPOINTMENT**

*Rich Keefe*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*Kimberly Gardner*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Liturgist, Lory Nesor*

**Mark 6:30-44**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. Jesus said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to Jesus, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then Jesus ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

**May the Spirit fill us with wisdom and understanding as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.**

**SERMON**

*Pastor Daryl Blanksma*

**“Green Grass in the Desert”**

**SONG**

*Andy and Svetlana Maddox*

**“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

*Pastor Daryl*

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*Pastor Daryl*

**OFFERING**

*Pastor Daryl*

**CLOSING SONG**

*Andy and Svetlana Maddox*

**“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”**

**SENDING FORTH**

*Pastor Daryl*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Glad you are worshipping with us this morning.
- We are now live streaming as well as in-person worshipping. The online version will “Premier” at 10 am on Sundays. You can also view it any time after the premier has completed. Access it from our website, [www.whitneyumc.org](http://www.whitneyumc.org) or click the link in the email notification you receive.
- Online Fellowship and Prayer continues Sundays at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. Use Zoom meeting # [973 1380 1258](https://www.zoom.us/j/97313801258). You can join in as well by phone. Dial 1-253-215-8782 and then key in the meeting number.
- We continue following COVID protocol.
- No Congregational Singing (But you certainly can hum along as the words appear on the screen!)
- Ways to Give: You may 1) drop your offerings in the drop box located at your exit door, 2) give by mail (address on cover of this bulletin) or 3) donate online - click donate on our website [www.whitneyumc.org](http://www.whitneyumc.org)
- If you are able, please consider making a special offering to Whitney UMC above and beyond your regular giving to help with the restoration repairs on our parsonage. These expenses far exceed anything we have in our planned budget or reserves.

Coming to *Family Camp*? Call the church office to get on the list to come to the beautiful mountains on August 13, 14, and 15 at Camp Sawtooth.

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