

March 21, 2021 5th Sunday in Lent, Year B

Convinced of God's Grace, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the body of Christ. We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, ability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

"Abiding Love"
Mary Temple, organ

by Gloria Roe

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalms 25:1, 4-5

Leader: To you, O LORD, we lift up our souls.

People: Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths.

Leader: Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.

BLUE HYMNAL #170

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"
(to the tune of "The Happy Wanderer")

- 1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.
Refrain: Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Allelu!
The quiet waters by.**
- 2. My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.
Refrain: Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Allelu!
E'en for His own name's sake.**
- 4. My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.
Refrain: Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Allelu!
And my cup overflows.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have ignored your voice calling to us with love, forgiveness and grace. We have not been fruitful in caring for ourselves, our neighbors, and the whole of creation entrusted to our care. Help us to turn around, repent, and follow you. Forgive us, and guide us in the way of your Light. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:15-17

¹⁵ "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

UNISON SCRIPTURE READING

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.

SERMON

In the Presence

Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION

"For This Is God"
Billy Stroud-Boutté, soloist
Duane Stroud-Boutté, piano

Irish Melody, "Londonderry Air"
Words by Gilbert Martin

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BLUE HYMNAL #172

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

**1. My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name:
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, Beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, When I forsake His ways;
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.**

**2. When I walk through the shades of death You presence is my stay;
One word of Your supporting breath Drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.**

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE:

**3. The sure provisions of our God Attend us all our days;
O may Your House be our abode, And all our work be praise.
There would we find a settled rest, While others go and come;
No more as strangers, or as guests, But all Your babes at home.**

POSTLUDE

"Crown Him Lord of All"
Mary Temple, organ

by James Eller
arr. by Mary McDonald

Thank you to our videographer this morning, Stephanie Gould.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ If you would like a hymnal for use at home, please contact Pastor Martin.
- ▶ Zoom Prayer, each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.
- ▶ Zoom Lenten Devotional Study each Thursday during Lent at 7:30 p.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email, with Daily Scripture Devotions for Lent.

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