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Welcome and Announcements

Judy Comer, Lay Reader

Prelude

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

#367

Pouring the Waters of Baptism: a reminder that we are baptized children of God.

*Call to Worship

Judy Comer

L: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

ALL: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

L: Blessing and honor are yours, O God.

ALL: Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

*Hymn

“Crown Him With Many Crowns” (vv. 1, 3, 4)

#268

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Judy Comer

L: God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor, praying first silently, then together. *(Silence)*

ALL: Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

L: God’s mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and receive new life.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.”

Prayer for Illumination

Shepherd of Souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell ever more deeply with you. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 100

Judy Comer

Special Music: *(FPC Choir)* “Think About His Love”

Walt Harrah

Scripture Reading:

John 10:22-30; Revelation 7:16-17

Pastor Betsy

Sermon

“The Sheep of His Pasture”

Pastor Betsy

Moment for Meditation

*Affirmation of Faith

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 forever. Amen.

*Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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Offertory

“The Lord is my Shepherd”

Howard Goodall

May/June Dollars for Mission will assist Kids Place.

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Betsy

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (vv. 1, 3, 6)

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*Charge and Benediction

Pastor Betsy

*Postlude

Frank Armato, Church Musician

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Lael Wilson, “the waters;”
Dennis Dagleish, candle lighting;
Jerry Blaydes, sound system.

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to read the print in **BOLD**.

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