

**Earth Sunday
Outdoors in the Courtyard**

Sunday, April 25, 2021



Faith Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Purifoy
(b. 1952)

Call to Worship

Lauren Barchi

Come, people of the flock!

The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want.

God leads us beside still waters;

God restores our souls.

Though we may walk through the valley of shadows,

We are not afraid – the God of life is with us.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives,

and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Hymn 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

verses 1-2; page 5

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, you are our shepherd, but we have wandered from your way. You guide us to green pastures, but we trample your good creation. You lead us beside still waters, but we have poisoned the rivers, lakes, and oceans with our ceaseless thirst for stuff. You set a table before us, but we ignore your goodness, and filling our lives with that which does not satisfy. Forgive us, O God. Quiet our noisy minds so that we might clearly hear your voice, and follow you with steadfast trust. In silence, we confess our sins and listen for your word of grace...

Assurance of Grace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading John 10: 11-18

'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. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Psalter Reading

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

New Revised Standard Version

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Psalm 23

The Message Bible
by Eugene H. Peterson

God, my shepherd!
I don't need a thing.
You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.
True to your word,
you let me catch my breath
and send me in the right direction.

Even when the way goes through
Death Valley,
I'm not afraid
when you walk at my side.
Your trusty shepherd's crook
makes me feel secure.

You serve me a six-course dinner
right in front of my enemies.
You revive my drooping head;
my cup brims with blessing.

Your beauty and love chase after me
every day of my life.
I'm back home in the house of God
for the rest of my life.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Sheep

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*
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RESIGNATION

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *One Little Song*

Mike Shirey

Gillian Welch
(b. 1967)

Prayers of the People and Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

Hymn 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

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THE TREES OF THE FIELD

Charge & Benediction

Mike Shirey

Passing of the Peace

Holy Hymn

Words and music by Laura Wortman (1/2 of The Honey Dewdrops)

When you walk
In the wilderness
Through the valley of tears
And could use a good rest
Hear the bird sing
Her song with ease
I hope that Holy Hymn
Sets you free

Winds will pass through
The whorls of time
Storms come and go
With no rhythm or rhyme
May your ghost
Be around to roam
And the river of Grace
Guide you safely home

A will of light whispers to the mind
Through the wide night-darkened sky
Let it shine, Let it shine

Clear a path
To the highest peak
Like a stone sit still
Where the waters run deep
In the fields
Where fear may grow
May you find a Peace
In what you don't know

A will of light whispers to the mind
Through the wide night-darkened sky
Let it shine, Let it shine
Let it shine, Let it shine

When you walk
In the wilderness
Through the valley of tears
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LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
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Rev. Bill Millen, *Parish Associate*

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

TEXT: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)

1 My shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;

In pas-tures fresh he makes me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.
 one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
 O may your house be my a-bode, and all my work be praise.

He brings my wan-dering spir-it back when I for-sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;
 There would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;

and leads me, for his mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows; your oil a-noints my head.
 no more a strang-er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: U.S.A. folk melody; Lewis's *Beauties of Harmony*, 1828; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986

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RESIGNATION

CMD

(alternate harmonization, 74)

You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

The Trees of the Field

Em B7 Em B7 Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

G C G D

the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

B N.C. Em B7 Em

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G C G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

D7 G D7 G

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

C G D

the trees of the field will clap their hands

B7 Em B7 Em

while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 55:12, which is generally understood to describe a "second exodus," this time from Babylon rather than from Egypt. This release of God's people and their return to their own land gives rise to a joyful celebration involving all creation.

TEXT: Steffi Geiser Rubin, 1975
 MUSIC: Stuart Dauermann, 1975
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THE TREES OF THE FIELD
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