

Order of Worship
June 21, 2020 – 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering and Welcome

Call to Worship – 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 restorcth my soul;

he leadeth me in 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 & mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.***

Hymn This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns, let the earth be glad.

Pastoral Prayer 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Scripture Reading – From John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep 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 are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

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.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon

Pastor Paul

The Crowning Mark of the Good Shepherd:
His Voluntary and Vicarious Death for the Sheep

*"I am the good shepherd;
I know my sheep and my sheep know me –
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father –
and I lay down my life for the sheep.
John 10:14-15*

Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul and sing, of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king, through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise

His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Benediction

Ephesians 5:19-20

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.
Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,
always giving thanks to God the Father for everything,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father's Day

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What's most popular/beloved saying Jesus? I am Good Shepherd
THE one & only, GOOD beautiful/lovely, SHEPHERD, endearing
image is incredibly rich, so many ways we could apply it to Jesus
3- his Love & Power for the sheep: call by name & lead them out
9- his Protection of the sheep: I am Gate, whoever will be saved
14- his Knowledge of the sheep: I know my sheep, they know me
11- Crowning Mark, most wonder/glorious, his Death for the sheep
Jn 10:11 G.S. lays down his life for sheep: Voluntary & Vicarious

A Voluntary Death

Four times he talks about his death, each emphs. Voluntary nature
11, 15, 17, 18: Lays Down, completely voluntary, no compulsion
emphasizes His total control and mastery over it: Authority!
Without this clear teaching, easy to imagine death/timing = accident
after all, Jesus died in prime of life, age 33, untimely, cut off
we tend to look at famous early deaths as tragedies in history –
Alexander the Great, John Keats & Romantics, Mozart/Chopin
But must never think it was accident/tragedy for Christ at 33
his death happened voluntarily, motivated by immeasurable love
Is 53: He was cut off from land of living, Lord's will to crush him
Acts 2:23 He was handed over to you by God's set purpose/forekn

A Vicarious Death

Even more imptly, death of JC was Vicarious death – it was For Us
2x Jesus says: I lay down my life For the sheep – reason/purpose
FOR the sheep: Gk prep. huper = on their behalf, in their place
Reminds us of OT sacrificial system: the penalty for sin is death
principle of substitution: accept an innocent substitute in my place
Lev: lay his hand on its head, accepted as atonement for his sin
Many Scriptures emphasize Vicarious nature, that it was FOR US
Greater love has no one than this, lay down life For His Friends
God demonstrates his own love, while still sinners, X died For Us
Christ died FOR our sins, the righteous for the unrighteous
This is how we know what love is: JC laid down his life For Us
This is love: God sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice For Our Sins
Message of Gospel = Christ died in our place, taking our punishment

Death of Jesus does not have the last word: looks ahead to Resur!
2x: authority to lay it down, and to take it up again – our hope!