

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Ps. 24:1)

OFFERTORY O-o-h Child (made popular by the Five Stairsteps) Ensemble

*DOXOLOGY #607

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

—Sending—

*HYMN #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Day by Day (from Godspell)

You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.



*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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9th Sunday after Pentecost

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit
Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE "The Lord is My Shepherd" Joshua Allen

WELCOME Liturgist: Kelly Weaver

*CALL TO WORSHIP "The Ones We Long For"

In a world that too easily wounds and breaks,
we long for those who will heal and restore;
In a world that too easily divides and dissects,
we long for those who will unify and interweave;
In a world that too easily excludes and judges,
we long for those who will include and understand;
And in a world where your call, O God, can still be heard,
we long for those with the boldness to answer.
We come to envision and embody God's realm anew.
We come to worship God, that we might be the ones we long for.

*HYMN #187 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (vv 1,3)

CONFESSION (based on Psalm 95)

Good and gracious God, we confess that we run ourselves ragged. We are busy and preoccupied with so many things, often neglecting to be still and know that you are God. Even our Sabbath time can be filled with "busy-ness." But today, we choose not to rush past this moment; we choose to rest beside these still waters in your presence...
(Prayer continues in silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 3:1)

*RESPONSE

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still!
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*PASSING THE PEACE

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6 Bible p. 681, LG p. 887

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (arr. Goodall) Ensemble

SECOND READING Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Bible p. 38-39, LG p. 50-51

The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

SERMON A Compassionate Shepherd Jimmy Chapman

—Response—

*HYMN #735 I Need Thee Every Hour

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A New Creed, 1968, from the United Church of Canada)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Good Shepherd, ***teach us to follow you.***
...Good Shepherd, ***teach us to follow you.***
...Good Shepherd, ***teach us to follow you.***

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.