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The Divine Shepherd

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Today's Lay Reader: Lynn Caterson

Welcome

Prelude Prelude Alfred Lefébure-Wély

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at

11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come

whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: We come, ready to enjoy the peaceful rest our good

shepherd provides!

Leader: We are the sheep, and he is the shepherd.

People: Jesus is trustworthy. He cares about us. If we get lost, he

will come find us. He is everything we need!



Opening Prayer

This is the good news which we have received; Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day. We believe Jesus is the Christ in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. We believe Jesus is the good shepherd! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus On Eagle's Wings (sing twice)

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And Hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Special Music Goodness of God Ben Fielding *Kathy Fowler*

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson 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.

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.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Message

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Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Quiet Prelude Camil Van Hulse

Doxology Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

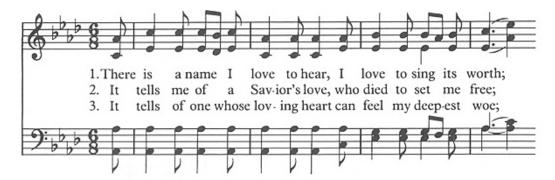
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

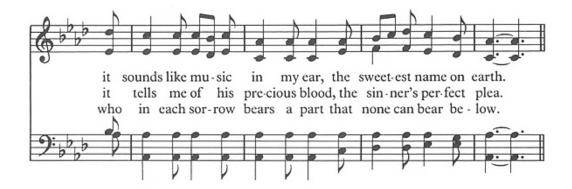
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn

Oh, How I Love Jesus









Benediction

PostludeHow Firm a Foundationarr. Edward Broughton

Important News

- * Scholarship Applications All full members of AUMC (who are enrolled full-time in a school of advanced accredited education beyond 12th grade) are encouraged to apply! Applications are available for download on our website: https://abseconumc.com/news-and-forms.
- * Vacation Bible School As of Thursday, we have **65 campers** signed up! VBS week is August 5 through 9. If you haven't signed up yet, you can find the registration link on the church website: https://abseconumc.com.