PREPARATION
All God's people are asked to be is to be God's sheep. There is no pressure to be better, more inventive, productive, strong, or independent. All we are asked to do is to listen to the voice of the shepherd. Edwin Chr. Van Driel

GATHERING MUSIC St. Mark's Carillon

Blessed Assurance	Be Not Dismayed
Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken	Something Beautiful
Oh, How I Love Jesus	I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *God Leads Us Along* G. A. Young/Arr. Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Let us worship the Lord, who is our shepherd.
People: It is the Lord who restores life.
Leader: Surely God's goodness and mercy surrounds us;
People: And we dwell in God's house forever.

OPENING HYMN *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Trad. English melody
Henry H. Tweedy Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

OPENING PRAYER †
Holy One, we want to be sheep of your pasture. Care for us, feed, us, and lead us, we pray. Once we are strengthened by your presence, raise us up to be shepherds ourselves who tend to those who fear and dismay so that our lives may reflect our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Amen.

TIME FOR GOD'S CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC *With the Lord as My Guide* Jim Strathdee

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

MESSAGE "Looking for Good Shepherds" Rev. Lynn Bartlow
(Third in the series on "Everyday Prophesy")

CALL TO PRAYER *Blessed Assurance*
Phoebe Palmer Knapp, Lyrics by Fanny J Crosby

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC *Blessed be Your Name* Matt and Beth Redman

BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION *Shalom to You* UMH #666

POSTLUDE *Justified by Faith* Edward Broughton

†adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2.

St. Mark's musicians contributing to this morning's worship service include Pete Fine, Cathy Harris-Herchenroeder, Todd Martin, Sondra Franks, and Bruce Phillips.

Announcements

On Sunday, there will be two in-person worship services at 8 and 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary; no registration is needed. For fully vaccinated people, masks are recommended but not required. Masks are still required, though, if you want to sing. Recorded worship continues at 9:45 a.m.

The **St. Mark's Nash Neighbors Committee** is once again collecting school supplies for Nash Elementary students. We are asking for the congregation's support in donating supplies. We will collect supplies Mondays and Wednesdays in the north parking lot and will have a blue bin in the church courtyard for those attending Sunday services. See the July 21 Messenger for details. Questions? Contact Barb Sargent (see church directory).

Peanut Butter Alert: Did you know that ICS gives out roughly 2,000 jars of peanut butter each month at its food banks? Peanut butter is one of its staple items, and they need to refill their stock this summer! St. Mark's is participating. The hope is to collect as many peanut butter jars as possible throughout the month of July. Consider buying a few jars, if you are able, and bring them after to our weekly collection. Our food collection efforts continue, from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the north parking lot.

Please remember to **register your attendance and submit your prayer request online**! As part of our congregational care, it's very important for us to know who is with us each week, whether you're a member, occasional attender or a visitor, so please take just a moment to sign in. The way we are registering your attendance is the way of the future, thanks to COVID. You may have noticed the recent appearance of funny-looking, square QR codes in church. Just open your smartphone's camera app and point your camera at the QR code. If you are having trouble, you can always go to our website, then "Resources," then "Attendance." Thank you for taking the time to do this.

Special thanks to
Mary Wald for the altar flowers given in memory of Lance Wald, his parents Al and Audrey Wald, and Mary's parents, Paul and Mary Stoner.

Please take a moment to visit our new **"Sunday Tools"** page where you will find attendance sign in, online giving, bulletin, prayer request and announcements in one place! Thank you.

Neighbors of the week!

Beth Thompson
Prayers for regaining her strength.
Please see directory for address.

Next Week:
"Elisha: More Than Enough"
2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18

Thanks to those who assisted in worship today.

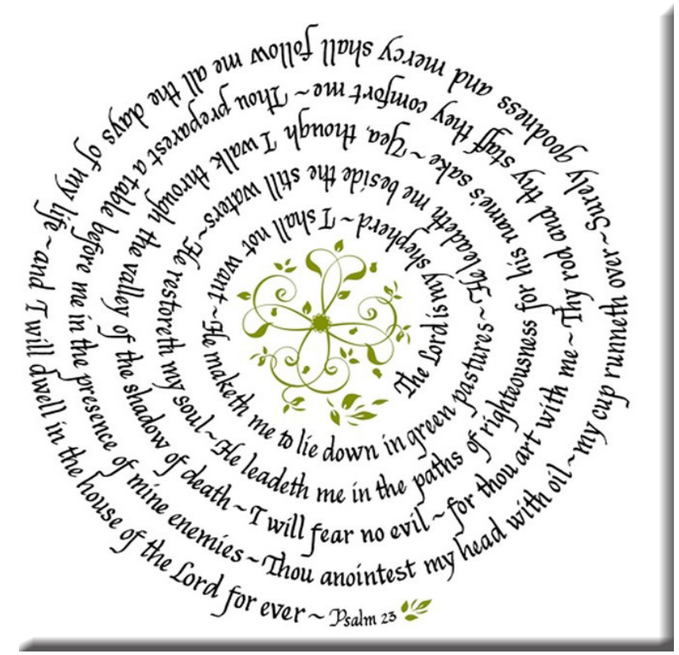
Prayer Corner...

Don Beene
Jared Bowman & Family
Deb Cushman
Jim Deyoe
Judy Drescher
April DuBoce
Marge Frazer
Keith & Mary Ann Glazier
Mary Sanders
Carol Underwood
Ana Luisa Terrazas
Jackie Vickers

Welcome to St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Thank you for sharing in our worship!

9:45 a.m. Recorded Service



July 25, 2021

"Everyday Prophesy"
"Looking for Good Shepherds"

Rev. Lynn Bartlow, Lead Pastor
Rev. Stuart Salvatierra, Associate Pastor
Kim Ogle, Pastor

We are a welcoming faith community that embraces ALL people. You are invited to be part of an exciting and growing congregation that takes seriously its mission statement to *"change the world through Christ by caring for all people."* Here you will discover that you are affirmed for who you are, loved and cherished by a God who created you. Welcome home.

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