

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. -Micah 6:8

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.

+ PSALM 23



Worship Bulletin
Sunday, April 28th, 2024

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.

And yet, O God, we do sometimes fear.

May we feel your presence, your comfort and your forgiveness anew.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at your table.

Forgive us and help us to see your overflowing mercy.

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.

Forgive us, God, and lead us into your house.

(Time for silent prayer and confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

Leader: God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.
God makes peace between us. Let us share it.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you!**

(Please share signs of peace with each other)

Anthem

Blessed Assurance

**St. Andrew Choir
Larry Baker, Trumpet
Joan Baker, Piano**

A Word for God's Children

Mindy Heimer

Sung Prayer for Illumination *(Hymn #291)*

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

Scripture – 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.

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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.

Scripture – 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.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A Moment for Silent Reflection

Hymn #625 - *O Lord My God

***Affirmation of Faith**

I believe I need a shepherd
because I am sometimes timid and other times overconfident,
because I often don't know the best path yet pretend I do,
because I rush into dead ends or lead others into hazardous places,
because my brightest ideas are seamed with darkness,
because the things I crave may not be what is good for me,
I need a shepherd.

I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd;
his wisdom leads me to the best opportunities,
his word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid,
his arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden,
his wounded body displays the cost of my rescue.

I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd.
I believe that I do not find him but he finds me,
that I am under his care by virtue of sheer grace,
that the love he gives me is to be shared with others,
that he treasures my name and prepares a place for me,
that his fold transfixes earth and heaven.

I trust Jesus, the good shepherd. Amen.

Offering our Gifts and Gratitude

Offertory *Christians, We Have Met in Worship*
arr. Hustad

***Song of Dedication - #630 – *Fairest Lord Jesus* (v. 4)**

*Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our loving God, who is in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

Hymn #10 - *Sing Glory to the Name of God

Benediction

Postlude

***Fugue in G Major*
arr. Buxtehude**

The Call to Worship is from Joanna Harader, the Prayer of Confession is by Rev. Emily Schlaman Larsen, and the Affirmation of Faith is by Bruce Prewer. The Prayers of the People are adapted from a prayer by Rev. Abi at Long and Winding Road.

St. Andrew At-A-Glance

- **April 28** - Family Fun Night
- **May 1** - Noon Prayer Service
- **May 2** - Women's Craft Fellowship Group
- **May 5** - Hybrid Worship - Music Sunday, Communion Sunday, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Kids' Sunday School, Communion Served to Homebound, Youth Lunch, Holy Yoga, Holocaust Remembrance Service at Har HaShem
- **May 8** - Noon Prayer Service
- **May 9** - Serve Dinner to Unhoused Guests with Community Table
- **May 11** - Men's Pancake Breakfast
- **May 12** - Hybrid Worship - Youth/Graduation Sunday, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Kids' Sunday School, Holy Yoga

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New Here?

As most people in Colorado are aware, aspen trees aren't individual trees but are connected underground by a complex root system. Given how many trees can be connected, these petite, beautiful trees can join together into mighty organisms. In fact, the largest organism in the world is a single Quaking Aspen in Utah. When we're at our best, the church functions in much the same way: we are connected, and we come together to be nourished, fed, and refreshed even though we live our lives in distinct places. We recognize that our life "above the soil" is only possible when we tend to our life "below the soil," and we realize that without the trunk and branches, the roots don't really serve much of a purpose. Our life of faith is most robust when we balance both dimensions: the interconnectedness that helps nourish our roots and the expression of faith that only comes through wide-reaching branches. That's the kind of worship and service we nurture.



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