WORSHIP OUTLINE FOR OLDER ADULT SUNDAY: MAY 3, 2020

By Rev. June Begany

For those using the common lectionary, this Sunday offers an opportunity to look at Psalm 23 outside of the context of a funeral service. It offers the possibility of having older members of the congregation reflect on the times God has cared for, guided and provided for them. Joined with John 10: 1-10 members can focus on how God cares for us.

For those using the Narrative Lectionary, the texts are: Acts 17: 1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 with Mark 13: 9-11 as the alternative. While much of the liturgy may be used, the worship planner may want to use other hymns.

For those working with Worship Design Studio, you will want to check the hymns as well as the bulletin cover and words of the liturgy to make sure that your worship theme for Eastertide is fully incorporated into the material. Since the focus of this Sunday is on Older Adults, you may wish to incorporate some expressions related to this Sunday done by senior members of your community.

Prayer Before Worship

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, heal the injured, and to feed one another with love through your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

One: Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. My sheep know my voice and follow me."

All: We come together because we have heard your call and respond to your voice.

One: O come let us worship the Lord, and acknowledge the God of our salvation.

All: The Lord is our God. We are God's people and the flock that God shepherds. All who respond to this Good Shepherd are welcome here.

*Passing of the Peace or Extended Welcome

*Opening Hymn G2G #393 O Day of Rest and Gladness; PH #470 O Day of Radiant Gladness:

or G2G #401 Here in This Place

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Creator God, you have given us new life, but in our busyness we often do not see those possibilities. You have given many of us years and wisdom but we ignore those gifts of life and age, seeking our own wisdom not yours. Forgive us for ignoring the gifts you offer, for thinking we know best and going our own ways without listening for your voice. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might be refreshed, restored and open to the paths you set for us. Thank you for this opportunity to be renewed and given another chance to be your faithful disciples.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Because of God's great love for us, all that keeps us away, all that blinds us to God has been removed. New life through Christ is offered to us if we choose to accept.

Sung response, verse1 G2G #515, PH #507 I Come with Joy;

Time with Children

(Suggestion: Might talk about Care of Pets or animals)

Choir or Music offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Generous God, you renew us and renew the earth. As you continue to watch over us, use us and use these gifts to reach out with care and concern for others and for this earth our home. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Scripture

John 10: 1 – 10 Psalm 23

Consider having the congregation say this in unison. Or, perhaps read this in a variety of translations.

Sermon

Instead of a traditional sermon, several senior members of the congregation might share their faith journeys or at least tell of particular incidents where they experienced God's care and presence.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn G2G #803, PH #172 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*Creed Apostles' Creed or lines 1-2, 51-80 of the New Brief Statement

Sung invitation verse 1 G2G #187, PH #387 Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Communion

Invitation
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after communion (unison)

You have spread a table before us, O God. You have invited all of us to join together in sharing this meal. You invite us now to go forth, to show the world the power of love and the possibility of becoming a beloved communion. Help us to reach out to enemies and to offer all the hope you give us to others in need. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn G2G #526, PH #514 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ;

or G2G #506 Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

*Benediction

Postlude

G2G refers to Glory to God PH refers to Presbyterian Hymnal

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