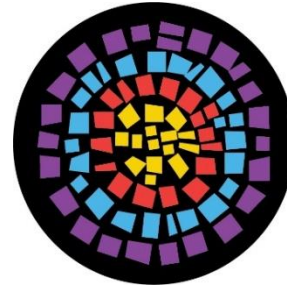


"The Lord is My Shepherd," Eastman Johnson, circa 1863



Service of the Lord's Day
First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown, PA
September 27, 2020

God's People Gather

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation

By your Holy Spirit, O God, give us hearts to love you, minds to know you, souls to bless you, and strength to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude All Things Bright and Beautiful Rutter

***Call to Worship**

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

P: Those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed.

L: They will rise up with wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary;

P: They will walk and not grow weak.

L: Praise the Lord!

P: The Lord's name be praised.

***Hymn** Great is Thy Faithfulness (*please join in humming or meditating on the words*)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Prayer of Confession

Holy, merciful and persistent Shepherd, in your presence we confess our failure to be who you created us to be. You have sealed us into your flock, but we have squandered the privilege of being your people. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. *(Silent confession)* By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

L: Jesus says, "Follow me; I will lead you into life."

*Response *(singers)*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

God's Word is Heard

Time With Children

Anthem **On Eagle's Wings**

arr. Wagner

Becca Lipsky

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23:4

Luke 15:1-7

Meditation **Everything I Need: The Shepherd Rescues**

God's People Respond

Offering our Gifts and Lives

Prayers of the People

...The Lord be with you.

And also with you...

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

God's Sends Us Out

*Hymn **You Are Mine**

1. "I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear.

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here."

Refrain:

"Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."

2 "I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me." *Refrain*

*Blessing

*Postlude **Postlude**

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