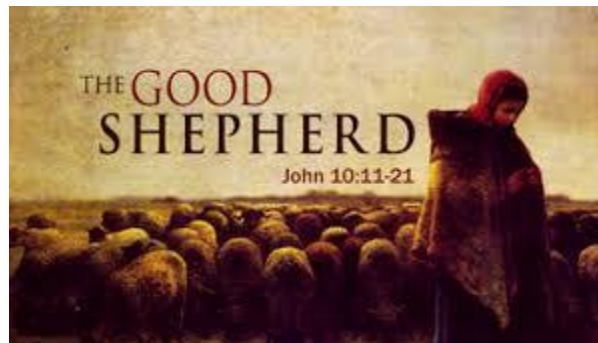


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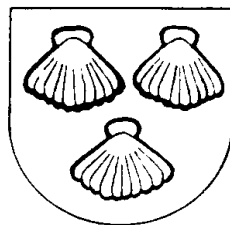


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“Take Heart in Whose We Are”

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WE GATHER

Welcome and Preparation

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prelude

"Thine Is the Glory/Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Handbell Choir

Kevin McChesney

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Call to Worship

Jim Quindlen

We were lost and going astray.
The Lord Jesus is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside the still waters.
But now we return to our shepherd.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
We have heard the call of the guardian of our souls.
Yea though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for thou art with me.
This is the gate of our shepherd, the door to eternal life.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Threshold

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)" (Refrain)

Amazing Love, how can it be, that you my King would die for me
Amazing Love, I know it's true, it's my joy to honor You.
In all I do I honor You.

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Opening Prayer

Jim Quindlen

We are your people, O God – the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table; help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus' name, the Shepherd of us all. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"The Gift of Love"

UMH 408

Verse 1

Though I may speak with bravest fire
And have the gift to all inspire
And have not love my words are vain
As sounding brass and hopeless gain

Verse 2

Though I may give all I possess
And striving so my love profess
But not be given by love within
The profit soon turns strangely thin

Verse 3

Come Spirit come our hearts control
Our spirits long to be made whole
Let inward love guide every deed
By this we worship and are freed

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Prayer of Confession

Jim Quindlen

Lord, have mercy on us.
We talk about love, but our actions betray us.
We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.
We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit
So that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ,
In whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance and Peace

ONE: Peace be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

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Children's Message

Edie Candee

Scripture

1 John 3: 16-24 (CEB)

Jim Quindlen

¹⁶ This is how we know love: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ But if someone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but refuses to help—how can the love of God dwell in a person like that?

¹⁸ Little children, let's not love with words or speech but with action and truth. ¹⁹ This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts in God's presence. ²⁰ Even if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knows all things. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence in relationship to God. ²² We receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of

his Son, Jesus Christ, and love each other as he commanded us. ²⁴ Those who keep his commandments dwell in God and God dwells in them. This is how we know that he dwells in us, because of the Spirit he has given us.

John 10: 11-18 (CEB)

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That’s because he isn’t the shepherd; the sheep aren’t really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ He’s only a hired hand and the sheep don’t matter to him.

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that don’t belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

¹⁷ “This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father.”

Anthem

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Handbell Choir

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Message

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Prayers for God’s People, the Church and the World

Jim Quindlen

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The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Invitation and Prayer

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God All creatures here below
Alleluia alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Verse 1

O Thou, in Whose presence my soul takes delight
On Whom in affliction I call
My comfort by day, and my song in the night
My hope, my salvation, my all

Verse 3

O why should I wander an alien from thee
Or cry in the desert for bread
Thy foes will rejoice when my sorrows they see
And smile at the tears I have shed.

Verse 4

Restore my dear Savior the light of thy face
Thy soul cheering comfort impart
And let the sweet tokens of pardoning grace
Bring joy to my desolate heart

Verse 5

He looks and ten thousand of angels rejoice
And myriads now wait for His word
He speaks and eternity filled with His voice
Re-echoes the praise of the Lord.

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Benediction

Postlude

“The Solid Rock”

Handbell Choir

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

What does it mean to lay down our lives for one another (1 John 3:16)?
Think about people who have been “good shepherds” for you, sharing the love and showing the way of Jesus Christ.
Who has helped to lead you in right paths or walked with you in dark valleys?
Who has given you comfort and calmed your fears?
Who has shown you hospitality and grace, making a place at the table for you, even when you felt surrounded by enemies?
How have you done these things for others?

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