4th Sunday in Lent ~ March 22, 2020

To set a more worshipful tone while watching this service from home, we encourage you to find a quiet space and light a candle.

**Opening Voluntary** 

Valerie Thorson, organ

\*Call to Worship

Steve or Lisa Harp

The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name.

God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!
Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.

\*Hymn 361 How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

**Prayer of Confession** 

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Assurance of Forgiveness** 

\*Response HYMN 223, verse 1 O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer\*

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; All within me bless God's name; Bless the Savior, and forget not All God's mercies to proclaim.

\*Passing the Peace May God's peace be with you.

Time for Church Life

Anthem

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Paul Stewart, soloist

\*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Time with Young Disciples

**GROW** 

Prayer for Illumination

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
- 3 he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 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.

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

my cup overflows.

6 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.

The Second Lesson Ephesians 5:8-11, 13-24 Pew Bible, New Testament

8 For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light 9 for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. 10 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

13 Everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14 for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Sermon Visible The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

**SERVE** 

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures, leads me beside quiet waters, and refreshes my soul. The Lord guides me along the right paths. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, 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 your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayers of the People, Silent Reflection, and The Lord's Prayer

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

<sup>\*</sup>Hymn 324 Open My Eyes, That I May See OPEN MY EYES

## \*Charge and Benediction

## **Closing Voluntary**

## For Announcements:

- Note about flowers.
- Committee Moderators and Ministry Leaders are encouraged to reschedule all non-essential meetings and gatherings or to use phone conferencing or video conferencing technologies.
- Session will continue to monitor the outbreak situation, and the congregation will be updated through regular Constant Contact emails, the website, social media, and special phone messages.
- The revised office hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday Friday.
- Include staff contact information, as usual.