

Order of Worship

April 21, 2024 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude **Prelude in F Major, BWV 556** J.S. Bach
Laura Henderson, organ

Welcome Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,
and gives our souls refreshment.

**People: Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,
so that the name of God will be glorified.**

Leader: Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,
for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

**People: We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,
and we shall be with him for ever and ever!**

Hymn **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** UMH 140

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn.

**People: You welcome us to your fold,
but we make others feel as if they don't belong.**

Leader: Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment;
the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade.

**People: Redeem us. Restore us.
Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews.
Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.
We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory
and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Amen

Anthem

The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Vicki Hancock Wright
Children's Choir, Chancel Choir, Congregation
Meredeth Rouse, oboe

Children's Message

Scripture

Psalm 23

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Shepherd's Care

Rev. Wines

Reception of New Members

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses the persons coming into membership and their sponsors.

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,

Reject the evil powers of this world,

and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you

to resist evil, injustice, and oppression

in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,

put your whole trust in his grace,

and promise to serve him as your Lord,

in union with the church which Christ has opened

to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace give to you,

will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church

and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Will you who sponsor these candidates

support and encourage them in their Christian life?

I will.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,

reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments,

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
[who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
[the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.]**

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor addresses the persons coming into membership.

As a member of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to Christ through the United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As a member of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presences, your gifts,
your service, and your witness?

I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God,
I commend this person to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,**

**we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

The pastor addresses the new members:

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

Prayer of the People

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Offering

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You may text to give at 84321 or go to the Online Worship page of our website
and click "Make your online offering."*

Sending Forth

Hymn

Cornerstone

Postlude

Sonata No. IV in C Major, Mvt. 4 Allegro
Meredeth Rouse, oboe, Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano

George F. Handel

We welcome oboist **Meredeth Rouse!** Meredith is the English hornist with The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" and with the Fairfax Symphony. Ms. Rouse received a Bachelor's degree from the New England Conservatory, a Master's degree in Orchestral Performance, and a Professional Studies Certificate at the Manhattan School of Music.



Mauve, Anton, 1838-1888. Landscape with Shepherd and Sheep, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.


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