

A Moment of Silent Reflection

Kyrie #750

All: **Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance:

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.
God forgives our failures and calls us back into the flock!

***Act of Praise Gloria Patri
All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen**

Special Reading: "Shepherding"

Passing the Peace of Christ:

God calls us to love one another as God loves us. In this we know the truth of Christ's peace.

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

1st New Testament Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

2nd New Testament Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

***Gospel Lesson:**

John 10:11-18

Sermon: "Nothing New!"

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in hope that the Holy Spirit would bring peace to the world. In lighting it we remember all past and present military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer: "Pray"

**All: Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our world____.
Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our souls____.
Pray___, pray___, pray___ for love and unity_____;
Quiet our busy hearts, Pray, pray, pray.
Pray___, pray___, pray___.**

**Silent Prayer,
Pastoral Prayer**

Prayer of Our Savior: (Unison)

**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**

Invitation to the Offering:

**The Shepherd cares for us, providing all that we need
in abundance. The Shepherd calls us to love one another in truth
and action. May our gifts reflect our trust in the Shepherd's care.
May our offerings show our willingness to love one another.**

**Recognition of
Our Time of Sharing:**

Offering Music

***Offertory Response “We Are Giving in the Light of God” (526)**

All: We are giving in the light of God,

We are giving in the light of God. (Repeat previous 2 lines)

We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,

We are giving in the light of God. (Repeat previous 2 lines)

***Offering Prayer: (Unison)**

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways.

Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen

***Hymn:
#247 NCH (vs. 1,2,3)**

“My Shepherd is the Living God”

The Benediction:

Pastor: Nourished by the Shepherd’s abundant love, go forth to walk in the paths of righteousness. Love one another in truth and action. May God’s abundant blessings abide in you forever. Let all of God’s children join and say together,

All: AMEN.

***Call to Worship: (Responsive)**

L: Come, walk with the Lord this day.

P: We seek places of peace and rest from the stresses of our lives.

L: The Shepherd will lead you to places where your soul may be restored.

P: We come, sometimes fearful of the hostilities of the world.

L: In the midst of all the turmoil, The Shepherd will provide for your needs abundantly.

P: Surely these wonders will heal and restore our spirits. Amen

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

Loving Shepherd, you know our names. You care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen

***Opening Hymn:
#433 NCH (vs. 1-3)**

“In the Bulb There is a Flower”

Call to Reconciliation:

Prayer of Confession: (Responsive)

Pastor: Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted.

Leader: In the midst of your many blessings, we complain of not having enough.

Pastor: In the presence of danger, we fail to trust your abiding love.

Leader: When you set a table before us, we turn aside from you.

All: Call us back into your care and help us trust your caring presence, that our actions may proclaim your truth. Amen

