The Welcome

The Rev. Harriet J. Bryan

The Voluntary

Dr. Abigail D. Haake, Organ

How Great the Bliss to Be a Sheep of Jesus
Margaret Sandresky (b. 1921)

+The Call to Worship

(* indicates to stand)

The Rev. Valarie P. James

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The God of all shepherds has called us here.
We come today, celebrating God’s love for us.
We come thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.
We come ready to celebrate and to praise God.

Let us pray:

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship.
Refresh us and heal us again.
Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives
with your abundant love and your presence.
Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words
and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people.
In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray.
Amen.
Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
praise. His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fied. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

The Affirmation of Faith

The Rev. Jared D. Wilson

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And 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, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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. Amen.
The Call to Confession

The God to whom we make our confession is the God who loved us so much that God took on mortality, choosing to limit the divine, in order to understand us and be with us. Trusting in that love, let us make our confession.

The Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Lord of love:
For not singing when we are joyful;
For not shouting to the world the good that you do;
For not trusting the love that surrounds us;
For not enacting the justice you call us to;
For not believing the Good News is meant for all:
Forgive us.
Encourage us and change us.
Help us and inspire us.
This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep.
Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Friends, this Good News is for all the world:
Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Alleluia!
Amen.
The Lord Is My Shepherd from ‘Requiem’

The Lord is my shepherd;
Therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture,
And lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul
And bring me forth in the paths of righteousness
For his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me:
Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table for me
Against them that trouble me.
Thou hast anointed my head with oil
And my cup shall be full.
But thy loving kindness and mercy
Shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord,
In the house of the Lord, forever.

John Rutter (b. 1945)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Psalm (Psalm 23 - KJV)          Rev. James

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leaders me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

+The Gospel Lesson
John 10: 11-18

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.
In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song. This Corner-stone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are still.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteous-world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final day, up from the grave he rose a breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

3. There in the ground his body lay, Light of the 1. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the height. As he died to sin, the sentence was pronounced: "Sinner, quit the race, quit the ground of your despair."

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the life, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are still.

5. My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand. laid. Here in the death of Christ I live. mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ. home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
Points to Ponder:

**I Matter:** People who experience love through ‘acts of service’ are crying out to know that they matter. They want to know that they are having an impact and making a difference, regardless of whether they are ever known for it or seen doing it. The Heart Hope ‘I Matter’ drives us to ask over and over questions like “What’s the point?” “What kind of legacy am I leaving?” “Am I having an impact?” There is something deep within us that strives to make a true difference and people with the love language ‘acts of service’ cry out to know that their lives and actions matter.

The Prayers of the People

> Following each intercession, the liturgist will say:
> Lord, in your mercy…
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> The congregation is invited to respond, saying:
> hear our prayer.

Together, let us pray for

> the people of this congregation…
>
> those who suffer and those in trouble…
>
> the concerns of this local community…
>
> the world, its people, and its leaders…. 
>
> the church universal—its leaders, its members, and its mission…
>
> the communion of saints…

The Lord’s Prayer

> Our Father, who art in heaven,
> hallowed be thy name.
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> Thy kingdom come,
> thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
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> Give us this day our daily bread.
> And forgive us our trespasses,
> as we forgive those who trespass against us.
>
> And lead us not into temptation,
> but deliver us from evil.
>
> For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
> Amen.
The Offering of Our Gifts to God

Rev. Bryan

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The Act of Praise

Beverly Woodard, piano & Jared Wilson, organ

Because He Lives

arr. by Joel Raney (b. 1956)

SENDING FORTH

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Wilson

+The Hymn

CRIMOND

The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want

In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.
With in the paths of right-eous-ness, E’en for His own name’s sake.
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me com-fort still.
My head Thou dost with oil a-noint, And my cup over-flows.
And in God’s house for-ev-er-more My dwell-ing place shall be.

+The Charge and Benediction

Rev. Wilson & Rev. Bryan

+The Postlude

Dr. Haake, organ

Triptych on CRIMOND:

III. “Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” (Psalm 23:6)

Larry Visser (b. 1962)
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The Hymns
Crown Him with Many Crowns
Words: Matthew Bridges, 1851 and Godfrey Thring, 1874
Music: (DIADEMATA SMD) George J. Elvey, 1868.

In Christ Alone
Words: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
Music: (IN CHRIST ALONE LMD) Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

The Lord’s My Shepherd I’ll Not Want
Words: Scottish Psalter, 1650
Music: (CRIMOND CM) Jesse Seymour Irvine, 1872; harmonization by TCL. Pritchard, 1929.

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A free quiz is available at 5lovelanguages.com.

In lieu of taking the quiz, you may also ask yourself these questions:

How do I most often express my love to God?
What do I most often complain to God about?
What do I request of God most often?
How do I most often express love to other people?
What do I complain about most often?
What do I request most often?