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*July 18, 2021*

*9:30 a.m.*

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# Order for Worship

Prelude ~ "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Patricia Fogal, Soloist

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;  
do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us; love us still.

Text: Dorothy Ann Thrupp (1779-1847)

Music: William Bradley Roberts

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

**P:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

### Greeting

**P:** The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

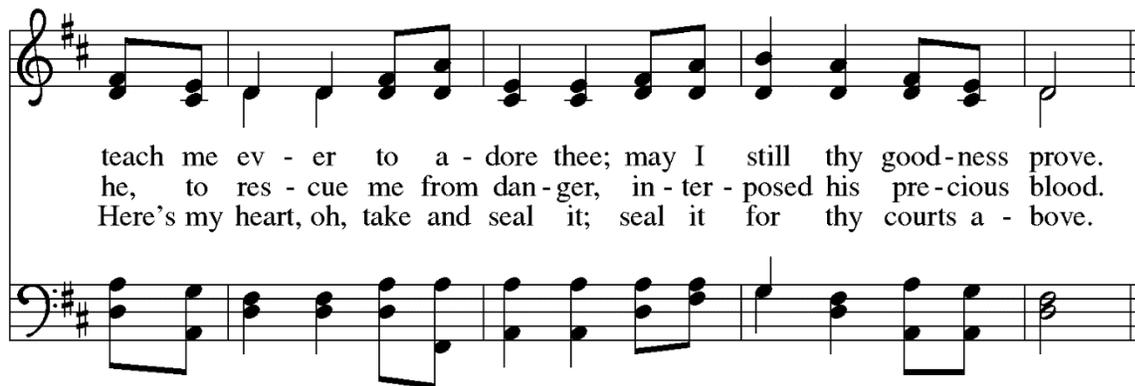
### Hymn of Praise ~ "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.  
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

### Prayer of the Day

**P:** O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

### Children's Message

# Word

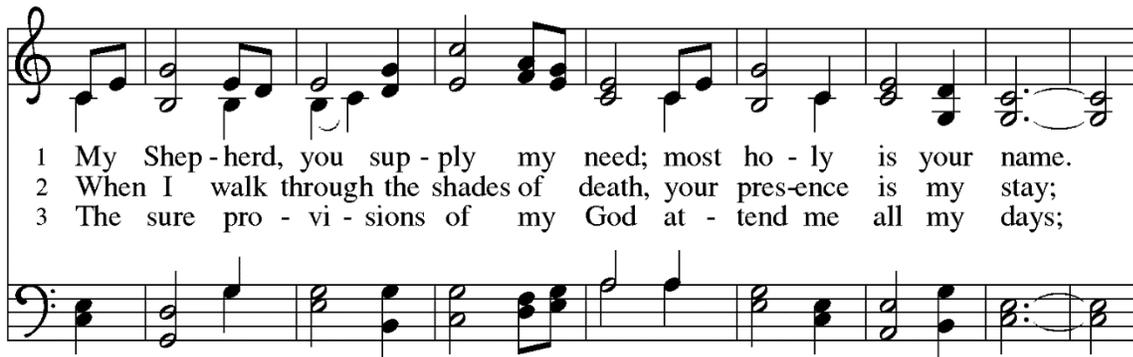
## First Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

A: Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So, he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So, then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

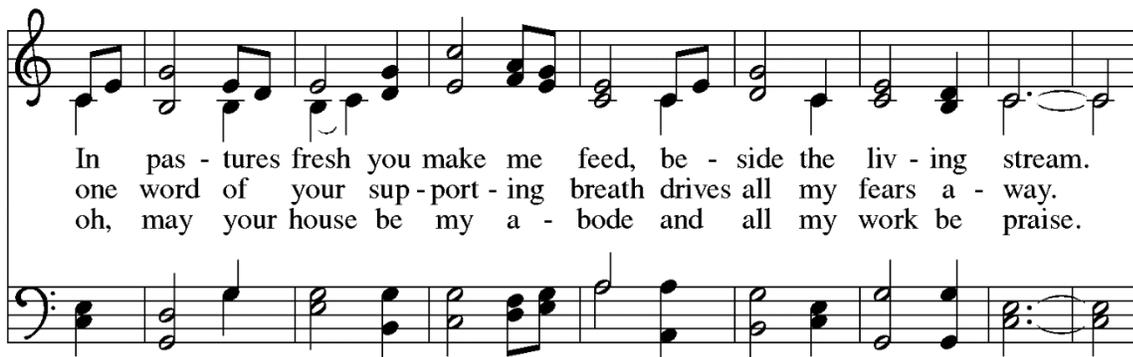
Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23



1 My Shep-herd, you sup-ply my need; most ho-ly is your name.  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;  
3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;



In pas-tures fresh you make me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.  
one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.  
oh, may your house be my a-bode and all my work be praise.

You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,  
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
 Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
 no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day ~ "Where Cross the Crowded Ways"

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man  
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from  
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
 and follow where your feet have trod;  
 till glorious from your heav'n above  
 shall come the city of our God.

# Baptism of Brooklynn Moreira

## PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:*

**Representative of the Congregation: I present Brooklynn for baptism.**

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

***Response: We do.***

As you bring *your child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with *her* among God's faithful people, bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *her* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *her* in faith and prayer, so that *your child* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your child* grow in the Christian faith and life?

***Response: I do.***

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *this child* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

***Response: I do.***

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support Brooklynn and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

**We do.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young child. The assembly may join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

People of God:

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, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God 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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **BAPTISM**

Brooklyn, I baptize you in the name of the Father, \*  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The presiding minister continues:*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Brooklyn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.*

Brooklyn, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

*A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:*

Let your light so shine before others.  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

(Sung twice by ALL)

You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap - tized.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

\* May be sung in two or three part canon.

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Music: Howard Hughes, b. 1930  
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*The service continues with the prayers of intercession.*

## Prayers of Intercession

A: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill especially Barbara, Dick, George, Robert, Tim, Kate, Cheryl, Susan, John, Randy, Dorothy, Robert, and Donna. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. Bless our new sister in baptism, Brooklyn. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

A: You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints. As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

Anthem~ "Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep"

Patricia Fogal, Soloist

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep;  
nothing can thy pow'r withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand.  
Loving Savior, thou didst give thine own life that we might live,  
and the hands outstretched to bless bear the cruel nails' impress.

I would praise thee ev'ry day, gladly all thy will obey,  
like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy precious love.  
Loving Shepherd, ever hear, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;  
suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,  
till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.

Text: June Leeson (1809-1881)

Music: K. Lee Scott

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*During this time, we will not be passing the offering plates. We are grateful for all who are able to continue their support of St. John. There are three ways to share tithes and offerings:*

- 1. Simply giving - You can arrange for a regular gift (weekly, monthly, quarterly) to be deducted from a bank account. Please contact Marcie Godby, our bookkeeper, to arrange for this ([stjohn1802bookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:stjohn1802bookkeeper@gmail.com)).*
- 2. You may go to St. John's website, <https://www.stjohnbluebell.org/>, and under "Quick Links" hit the "Online Giving and Donations" button.*
- 3. You may put your offering envelope (checks are preferred) in another stamped envelope and mail it to St. John: 1802 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422 (Attn: Marcie).*
- 4. You may make use of the offering plate located on a table near the church building.*

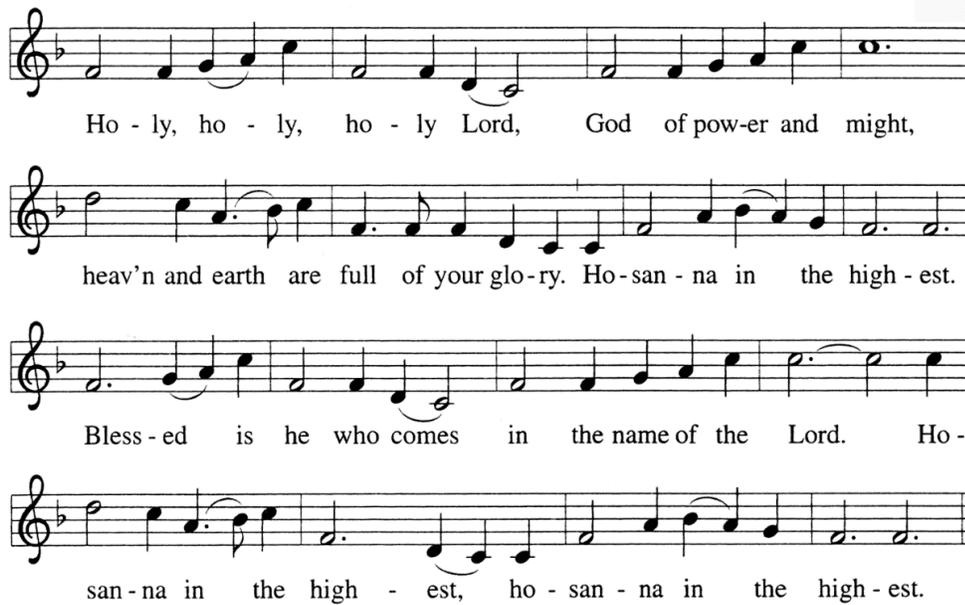
*Take a moment and reflect on the gifts we have received – even in these difficult days.*

## Offertory Prayer

- P:** Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.
- C: Amen.**

## The Meal

- P:** The Lord be with you.  
**C: And also with you.**  
**P:** Lift up your hearts.  
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**  
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.  
 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **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 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 and ever. Amen.**

*The meal is shared.*

## Communion Hymn~ "All Are Welcome"



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly

3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and

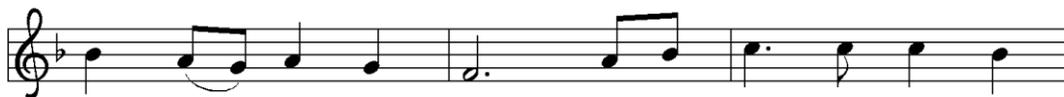
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how

wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where

heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and

peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through

words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of

Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in

laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:

Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,

claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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## Benediction

P: The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
‡ be upon you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude~ "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

Timothy Shaw

## **Assisting with Worship**

Pastor  
Director of Music  
Lector  
Soloist

Pastor Rachel Manke  
Lawrence Baker  
Carol Weidler  
Patricia Fogal

## **Announcements**

**Spirit Walkers-** Next meet-up will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Wentz Run Park. Join us!

**16th Annual Ryan Weidler Golf Tournament-** You are invited to attend the 16th Annual Ryan Weidler Golf Tournament on Monday, July 26, starting at noon at Blue Stone Country Club, 711 Boehms Church Road, Blue Bell. You don't play golf? Consider enjoying hors d'oeuvres and dinner on the patio beginning at 4:30 p.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m. Details on our website and in our weekly E-news.

**Our next monthly food truck night is Wednesday, July 28!** -More details to come.

*Mark your calendars for this date and August 25 for our next two events!*

**Looking for VBS Volunteers-** Are you able to lend us a hand? We are having a VBS day on August 14 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For our VBS day we will need help with food/snack prep and serving, check-in/out, leading games, telling stories, setup, etc. If you can help, email Pastor.

**Weekly Outdoor Services will continue Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** These services will continue to be live streamed on YouTube as well as shared via email on Sunday evenings.

**Save the Date-**Vacation Bible School Day event on Saturday, August 14 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Save the Date for Pastor Rachel's Installation-** Sunday, August 29 at 4 p.m.





