



United Presbyterian Church
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Good Shepherd Sunday

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**

PRELUDE *Sheep May Safely Graze*—J.S. Bach Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Vera Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: He lays down his life for his sheep.

Liturgist: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: He knows us, and we belong to him.

Liturgist: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

*Opening Hymn

Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us #387

PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)



Liturgist: May the peace of Christ make us ready for love to flow around and through us.
May we boldly share his love as we pass the peace of Christ with one another
this day. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSIC for MEDITATION

The Lord's My Shepherd

Members of the UPC Quartet

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison with Liturgist)

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liturgist: We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Liturgist)

Lord God, Good Shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Reading: *Psalm 23* – In unison with Liturgist

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 leadeth 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 forever.

Second Reading: *I John 3: 16–24* (Pew Bible p.928; Large Print p.1878) – Liturgist

Gospel Reading: *John 10: 11-18* (Pew Bible p.819; Large Print p.1652)–Pastor

Pastor: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON *Jesus the Good Shepherd* Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Hymn: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* #171

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—** The Apostles' Creed (traditional) led by Rev. Montgomery
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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri #579

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Just As I Am

Members of the UPC Quartet

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* #172

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE

God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

Kathleen Olds Rev. David Rosen Anita Steverson Roby Lorimer Yoshi Yoshida
Darian & Melanie Mathis McBride's daughter-in-law Sydney and new baby Elliott are doing
well. The child is in NICU at Riley Hospital for Children.

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda

The people of Ukraine and Middle East

Our military men and women around the world

Our elementary, middle, high, college and grad students returning from Spring Break

The staff and faculty of Monroe County United Ministries

Valley City Presbyterian Church, pastored by Rev. Robert Brill, is a small church southwest of Corydon IN in a rural setting. We come together each week to worship God and to find meaningful ways to show our love for Jesus Christ. Our mission is to be the face of Jesus in our local community. Being small doesn't stop us from doing good deeds. This is what God calls us to do and we will continue to show his love where and when we can.



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