

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**February 7, 2021**  
**The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

*While in-person Worship services are suspended, Montgomery Presbyterian Church will be recording services. The following is an order of service that you can use to follow along with the recorded service, or use to read and reflect on your own. The service is posted on the church's Facebook page, [on YouTube](#), and will be linked to the MPC website, [www.mpchurch.net](http://www.mpchurch.net). Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this challenging time.*

**PRELUDE**                      *A Quiet Place*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Elder of the Month: Pam Koester, 322-8810
- Deacon of the Month: Lois Silber, 791-1498

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Isaiah 40*

Have we not known? Have we not heard?  
Has it not been told to us since the beginning?  
Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
They shall run and not be weary;  
They shall walk and not faint.  
Let us worship God.

**PRAYER**

God, who is more than we can ever comprehend, help us to seek you, and you alone.

Help us to stand before all that we could do and seek what you would do, and do that.

Lift from us our need to achieve all that we can be and instead, surrender to what you can be in us.

Give us ways to refrain from the busyness that will put us on edge and off center, give us today your peace. Amen.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God. Therefore let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION***Psalm*

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God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. Amen.

*Silence is kept***ASSURANCE OF PARDON***Psalm 147:3*

Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds. God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**HYMN***My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**[The words and music for the hymn are on the last page of this bulletin]***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION***Isaiah 60:3*

Holy God, speak to us what has been told from the beginning, your Word that is the foundation of the world. Amen.

**FIRST READING***Isaiah 40:21-31*

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?  
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;  
who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.  
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.  
To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.  
Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?  
He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,

mighty in power,  
not one is missing.  
Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of God for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*

Maris Ryan, soloist

*We gather here in Jesus' name; his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:  
come take the bread; come drink the wine; come share the Lord.*

*No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.  
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.*

*He joins us here; he breaks the bread; the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;  
the one we love the most is now our gracious host;  
come take the bread; come drink the wine; come share the Lord.*

*We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.  
Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.*

*We'll gather soon where angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;  
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait;  
come take the bread; come drink the wine; come share the Lord.*

**SECOND READING***Mark 1:29-39*

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE**

Rev. Ben Shaw

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***The Apostles' Creed*

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.

**The SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER****INVITATION TO TABLE****THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is a right and joyful thing...and all the company of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We are grateful for Jesus the Christ...now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

... And now hear as we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

**BLESSING AND CHARGE**

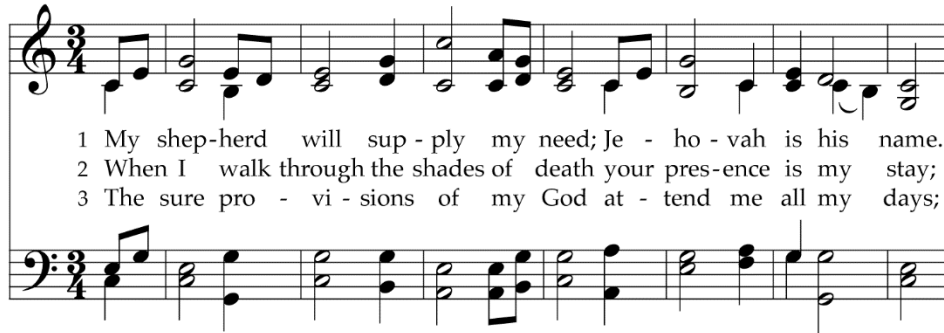
And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all this day, and unto your life eternal. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**    *Be Still, My Soul*

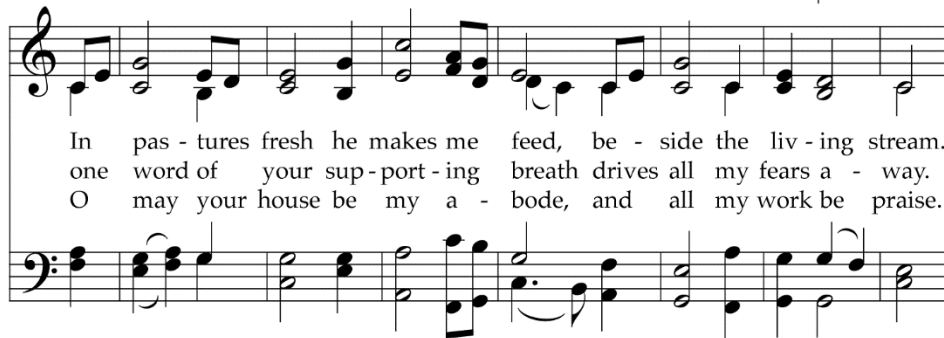
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# My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

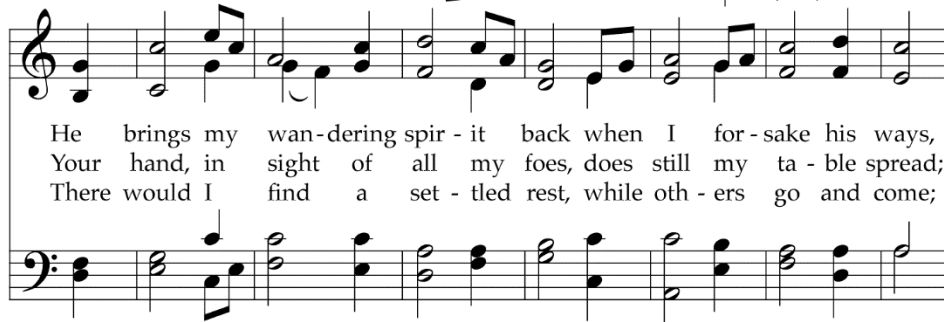
(Psalm 23)



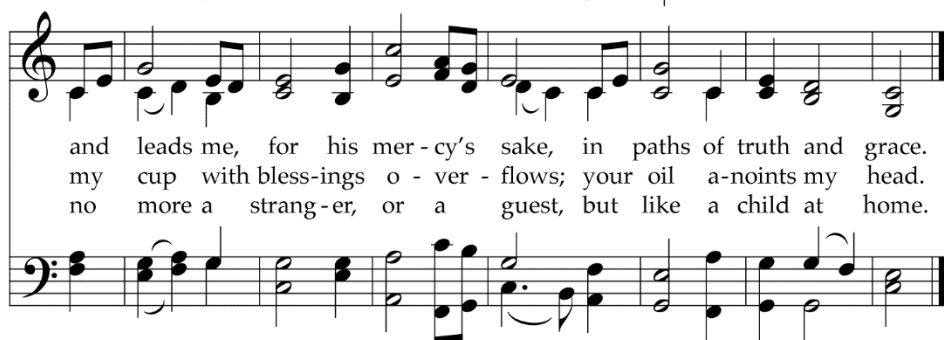
1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;  
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



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



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,  
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his 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.

The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.