

Surely  
goodness &  
mercy  
shall follow  
me  
all the days  
of my life

Psalm 23:6



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# COMMUNITY GATHERS IN SPIRIT BEFORE GOD

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING MUSIC & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together to worship God,

**ALL: the Shepherd of our souls.**

One: The one who has created us,  
who sustains us,  
who redeems us,

**ALL: The one who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow.**

One: This is our God!

**ALL: Let's worship God together!**

### \*OPENING HYMN My Shepherd is the Living God # 247

**My shepherd is the living God, I therefore nothing need;  
In pastures fair, near pleasant streams you settle me to feed.  
You bring my wandering spirit back when I forsake your ways,  
And lead me for your mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stay;  
A word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others come and go  
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL:** Merciful God, we confess that 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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING GRACE**

One: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

One: May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. Amen

### **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

## **THE COMMUNITY LISTENS FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

### **PRAYER**

One: Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Psalm 23**

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff— they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

**One: God is still speaking**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **MESSAGE**

**All The Days of my Life  
Reverend Patty Dodds**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**ALL: We give you thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth in courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.**

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PRAYERS

**ALL: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Response to the prayers

One: Christ in your Mercy,

**ALL: Hear our Prayer.**

#### PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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 AND OUR LIVES

One: God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never ending gift of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: God has abundantly blessed us and calls us to be a community that honors each other, to be servants to others with joy, to share our love and material possessions.**

One: Let us honor God from thankful hearts and joyful spirits.

**ALL: God of extravagant mercy, we come to dedicate all our offerings to you. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, commissioned to share the Good news. May all that we dedicate -- our abilities, the fleeting moments of our days, the resources entrusted to our management --**

announce your reign and the nearness of your kingdom. We give with joy, thanking you for the opportunity to be a blessing to all the families of the earth. Amen

**THE COMMUNITY DEPARTS FOR MINISTRY**

**\*CLOSING HYMN      Great Is Your Faithfulness #423**

**Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,  
with you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;  
All of your goodness forever will be.**

**(Refrain:) Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand has  
provided, Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
to your great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**(Refrain:) Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand has  
provided, Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,  
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.**

**(Refrain:) Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand has  
provided, Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!**

## **\*COMMISSION**

Pastor: As we prepare to leave this place, let us proclaim the ministry to which God has called us:

**People: We will go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; and with God's help, let us be of good courage, holding fast to that which is good; With Christ as our model, we will render to no one evil for evil; we will strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak; help the afflicted and honor all people. Let us rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BENEDICTION (inside back cover of New Century Hymnal)**

**GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE**

\*indicates an invitation to stand either in body or in spirit

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## **Announcements:**

**Masks are no longer required in our building.** Members and friends should determine based on their personal health and vaccination status if they wish to continue wearing one. Also please be sensitive to one another's need for continued social distancing.

**Next Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31**

**Please consider helping with our worship. Ushers, Lay Readers, Sound/Video Volunteers are needed. Call or email the church office for more information. Everyone Can Participate!**

**If you are able to donate flowers,** please sign up on the Flower chart on the bulletin board in the narthex. We have a lot of openings and would love to have volunteers to donate to fill these spaces.

**Mark your Calendars for our next upcoming Chicken Barbeques!** July 17<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**The Return of Our Rummage Sale is approaching!** Our next Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, from 8am until 2pm and Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, from 8 until 12pm. Help is needed for set up and packing up from sale! Mark your calendars!

**Our next Arts & Crafts Night will be August 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm.** Bring your own craft or come to chat.

**Please contact Pastor Patty** if you have any concerns or needs, or if you just need to talk. Phone: 570-506-0677, email: [Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org](mailto:Pastor@MountvilletrinityUCC.org)

**Thank You for your continued support of our ministry.** Checks may be mailed to the church: 450 West Main St Mountville, PA 17554, or click on the Donate button on our website.