

Minute for Mission

The Offertory

Prayers of the People

Gracious God, hear our prayer.
And in your love, answer.

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn 273 (VU):

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever!

Sending Forth and Blessing

The Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Pembina Parish

Zion-Calvin & St. Paul's



"I am the Good Shepherd"

- John 10:14

Easter 4

Sunday May 3rd, 2020

Welcome and Sharing

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

Lighting of the Christ candle and Rainbow candle

Gathering Song 14 (MV):

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there. (x2)

Call to Worship

Listen! **The shepherd is calling.**
Listen! **Can you hear his voice?**
Listen! **Warmth. Nourishment. Purpose. Community. Life!**
Listen! **And go! Go to God, who welcomes us
with open arms, and abundant life!**
Come, let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn VU p. 747:

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green;
he leadeth me, the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
Shepherd of our lives, forgive us for those times
when we have failed to be guided by you
and gone our own way.
Forgive us for those times
when we have ignored your shepherd's call
and instead behaved in ways
that take us in a different direction from the rest of the flock.
Help us to listen to your voice and accept your call in our lives.
(time of silent prayer)

Words of Affirmation

Holy Love is like a shepherd guiding you to green pastures,
a host seating you at a table
groaning with food and calling you blessed.
We accept the good news of the gospel, and give thanks to God!

Hebrew Scripture reading: Psalm 23

The Shepherd Psalm.

"This is the witness of Israel." **"Thanks be to God for the Word."**

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-14

Jesus the good shepherd and the gate.

"This is the Gospel of Christ." **"Praise to Christ our Life."**

Faith Reflections

Hymn 126 (MV):

Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us
safely through danger, while calming our fears?
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,
shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?

Refrain: **Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,
but you are greater than all that we know.
Holy and living, loving and giving,
God, you are with us wherever we go.**

Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,
comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,
challenging students to offer their best?

Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,
lead all your children in paths that are right.
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.
we want to love you and bring you delight.