

for the week beginning February 21, 2021



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where all can experience
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grow in Christ, and
reach out in love to others;
a community where
all can love and be loved
and be accepted
as you are"

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our gathering Welcome

Lighting of the Candles

The Words of Grace

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

WORDS: Scottish Psalter, 1650
MUSIC: HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN (No. 3072, Worship & Song0

1.

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.

2.

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

3.

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.

4.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes.

My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

5.

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

our reading & reflection

Job 14:1-22

Common English Bible

Reflection

Pastor Jacob

"In Vain Our Fancy Strives to Paint"

No. 525, The Brethren Hymnal (1901)

1

In vain our fancy strives to paint
The moment after death—
The glories that surround a saint,
When he resigns his breath.

2.

One gentle sigh his fetters breaks; One effort—and he's gone! And lo! the willing spirit takes Its mansion near the throne.

3.

We strive, but all our efforts fail To trace that upward flight; No eye can pierce within the vail Which hides the world of light.

4

Yet, though we see them not, we know Saints are supremely blest; And freed from sin, and care, and woe, And with their Savior rest.

5.

On harps of gold his name they praise, His face they always view; And if we here their footsteps trace, There we shall praise him too.

our prayers

Voice 1: God of us all, your love never ends.

When all else fails, you still are God.

We pray for one another in our need,

and for all, anywhere—

in our world.

in our community and neighborhoods,

our friends and family—

who need your love and presence now.

Voice 2: Let us begin by offering our prayers for the world.

Silence is kept.

Let us pray for our communities and neighborhoods.

Silence is kept.

Let us pray for our friends and families.

Silence is kept.

Let us pray for ourselves.

Silence is kept.

Voice 1: To all those who doubt, give light;

> to those who are weak, strength; to all who have sinned, mercy; to all who sorrow, your peace.

Keep true in us

the love with which we hold one another.

In all our ways we trust you.

And to you,

with your Church on earth and in heaven,

we offer honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

ALL: God of love, we thank you

for all which you have blessed us

even to this day:

for the gift of joy in days of health and strength and for the gifts of your abiding presence and promise

in days of pain and grief.

We praise you for home and friends, and for our baptism and place in your Church with all who have faithfully lived and died.

Above all else we thank you for Jesus,

who knew our griefs,

who died our death and rose for our sake,

and who lives and prays for us.

Voice 1: As Jesus taught us, so now we pray.

All: 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.

Amen.

Amen

No. 898, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

our going forth

Dismissal with Blessing

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

You are welcome to stay (in whatever space you are joining us) and fellowship—get to know and check-in and enjoy the company of others.

your thoughts & notes

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