

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REFLECTION

"Jesus describes himself as the one who 'lays down His life for the sheep' (John 10:11). While the work of the shepherd could be dangerous at times in warding off wild animals, giving up his life must have been a fairly rare occurrence among Palestinian shepherds. Ordinarily, the shepherd's calling was not to die for the sheep but to live for the sheep. Jesus' charge was unique, however, as he came to provide protection from the ultimate eschatological danger of condemnation for sin through giving his life as the substitutionary atonement for the transgressions of his flock. He laid down his life and was able to 'take it up again' (John 10:18), his resurrection from the dead being the exclamation point on his finished work on behalf of the sheep. The comprehensiveness of his care extends through eternity and, therefore, his sheep are absolutely secure."

- Timothy Witmer, *"The Shepherd Leader,"* P&R Publishing, pp. 31-32.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - August 16th, 2020—10:45 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Please stand if you are able.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 28:6-9

LEADER: Blessed be the Lord!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

**PEOPLE: The Lord is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

LEADER: The Lord is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**PEOPLE: Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *All People That on Earth Do Dwell, #1*

*INVOCATION

GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Isaiah 53:6a

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way..."

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us.

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; spare them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore them that are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life. To the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 53:6b

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins, and trust in Christ:

"...and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

*SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:7-18

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us, #599*

SERMON

Zechariah 10

Rev. David Hina

"The Good Shepherd Who Cares for His Flock"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *By Faith*

- 1. By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight**
- 2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign**
- 3. We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward**

**Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight**

- 4. By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin & death
And rise triumphant from the grave**
- 5. By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth**
- 6. We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight**
- 7. By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name**
- 8. We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight**

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GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US OUT

*BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

*Closing Hymn #731..... *Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 100:1

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with -
3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his
out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - jice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. John 10:14

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2. We are thine; do thou be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare:
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bo - soms fill:

bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to thee;
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Providence AUGUST Birthdays

2 Faith Williams

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