



MAY 1, 2016

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, Accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Duane Graber, Worship Leader

*HYMN #59

Sing praise to God who reigns

ANTHEM

Feed my lambs
Sleeth
WorshipArts Choir; Jesse Graber and Jon Wiebe, violin

PSALM 23 SHARING

SUNG RESPONSE HWB #353 *Lord, listen to your children praying*
Junior high class (read by Kennedy Kaufman and Abigail Grittman)
Amanda Lindahl, Beatrix Amstutz, Lonnie Buerge, Kenton Kaufman

COMMUNION SERVICE

Words of Institution, Invitation, and Prayer

L: That peace will rise like bread,

All: we can always hope.

L: That justice will flow like wine,

All: we can always hope.

L: That the table will make strangers kin,

All: we can always hope.

L: That our hope will spread beyond the table,

All: we can always pray. **

Sharing Bread and Cup

Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.

Music during communion: *The Lord's My Shepherd*
Melissa Funk and Nick Schroeder

*Hymn of Response #477 *For the bread* st. 1,2

CHILD DEDICATION: SEOUL WILLIS SCHROEDER

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #480

Shepherd of tender youth



Children in K - 5th grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship. 6th-12th grade women are also dismissed for women's chorale.

*SENDING FORTH

L: The Shepherd of Love has said: “These are my sheep...and surely goodness and mercy shall follow them all the days of their lives.”

**C: Surely goodness and mercy will sit with us in our uncertainty and pain.
Surely goodness and mercy will accompany us through struggles.
Surely goodness and mercy will give us renewed strength
to stand for justice,
to hope for peace,
to speak truth to power.**

All: May it be so.

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.
Songs designated “STS” are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

*****Sing the Journey* #174**

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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