

First Sunday of Lent • February 21, 2021 • Order of Worship

Prelude - Beach Spring

Wayne L. Wold

Ben Weaver, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Kent Winters-Hazelton

Call to Worship

Megan Berry

Come, walk in green pastures.

We follow the Shepherd.

Come, lie down in green pastures.

We trust the Shepherd.

Come, dine at the table of abundance.

We are fed by the Shepherd.

Come, dwell in God's house.

We live in the Shepherd's care.

Hymn No. 3 - Womb of Life and Source of Being

RAQUEL

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transform sadness to joy, despair to hope, death to life. We look to you to change our hearts, to take away the sin that burdens us, and to restore us to the people you want us to be. We are weak but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true, showing mercy to all who call upon the Lord; forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin, and granting pardon.

All praise to God for this wonderful gift.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

John Ferré

Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in the name of Jesus. Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Be still and know that I am God. (x 3)

Time with Young Disciples

Doodle Harris

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 23

From *Psalms Anew*, Nancy Schreck and Maureen Leach

Second Reading

Luke 15:3-7

Sermon

"My Shepherd"

Kent Winters-Hazelton

Hymn No. 803 - My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem - God Be In My Head

Grayson Warren Brown

arr. Val Parker and Grayson Warren Brown

Suzanne Bowman, soprano; Ashley Frizzo, mezzo-soprano;

Brian Shaw, tenor; Edward Caruthers, baritone; and Ben Weaver, organ

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.

Hymn - God Be with You Till We Meet Again

GOD BE WITH YOU

Benediction

Postlude - Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Jacob B. Weber

Ben Weaver, organ

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HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

This week, please include the following people in your daily prayers: Shirley Wicklander, John Reed, Bobby Franklin, Pat Dolack, Dennis Robertson, George Carter, Leland Howard, Melissa Smith, and Jan Ward.

Condolences to Susan Longerbeam on the death of her brother, Steve, on February 14th.