

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

THE GREETING

Julie Schaaf

THE PRELUDE

"*Sheep May Safely Graze*"

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

+ THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Abby Hatchette

Leader: In the darkest valley, at the banquet table;

**People: in the hard work of life, at the moments of ease;**

Leader: in our day-to-day reality, at times set aside—  
like this time, now—

**People: for worship, for listening, for paying attention;  
with every step we take:**

**All: goodness and mercy follow us;  
our cups overflow.**

+THE PRAYER OF PRAISE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts and debtors)

HYMN 683

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

+ THE CALL TO CONFESSION

+THE CONFESSION OF SIN (*Unison*)

**Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted.  
In the midst of your many blessings, we complain  
of not having enough. In the presence of danger,  
we fail to trust your abiding love. When you set  
a table before us, we turn aside from you.  
Call us back into your care  
and help us trust your caring presence,  
that our actions may proclaim your truth.**

*-In silence you may offer your need for God's forgiveness*

+THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even when we stray from God's will,  
God forgives our failures and calls us back into the flock.

**People: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

+SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

+ A SONG OF PRAISE

No. 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,  
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was  
in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(children 5 and under may go to nursery after)

THE ANTHEM

*"I Am His Lamb"*

*Cassie, Darcy and Ella Yarborough*

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 34:11-16

THE SERMON "Shepherds Among Us"

Rev. Julie Schaaf

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

+THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN 187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

+CHARGE AND BLESSING

+THE POSTLUDE *"Lead On, Oh King Eternal"*