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***Program for Sunday, June 28, 2026.***

***Please welcome the worship music team this week!***

**Call to Worship:** *Friend of God*

*One Thing Remains*

**Announcements for Sunday 6/28/2026**

**Thanks for joining our Worship Service this Sunday**

- **Construction of the Patio Cover** should begin soon.
- **The Pool is temporarily closed for cleaning.** We will advise when it is open again.
- **Attention Ladies** - Mark your calendar for this Sat. July 4th, at 9 A.M., for Breakfast at the **Diggers Diner in Discovery Bay?**
- **Attention Men** - Mark your calendar for this Sat. May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 A.M., for Breakfast at **Diggers Diner in Discovery Bay.**
- **If you have any prayer requests,** please fill out a Connect Envelope and place it in the wooden offering box in the back. Also, during the week you can email requests at: [PrayerRequest@OurMDC.org](mailto:PrayerRequest@OurMDC.org)

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**Adoration:** *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

**Selected Scriptures reading:** *Psalm 23 A Psalm of David*

**Message:** *Psalm 37: The Shepherd King Who is Enough*

**Affirmation:** His Love Endures Forever

**Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues**

*Selected scriptures from PSALM 23* A Psalm of David.

**PSALM 23** The LORD, the Shepherd of the Psalmist.

**A Psalm of David.**

1 The LORD is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside quiet waters.

3 He restores my soul;  
He guides me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil, for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You have anointed my head with oil;  
My cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

***Devotional: Psalm 119:176***

I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant,  
For I do not forget Your commandments.

**Psalm 18: Nine themes for David and for me.**

Who God is, and how God works in the in the lives of His people:

- God is our refuge.
- We were in deadly danger.
- God intervened with power.
- God rescued us personally.
- God rewards covenant faithfulness.
- God empowers us for life's battles.
- God gives victory.
- God is worthy of our praise.
- God's covenant extends all the way to the Messiah.

*Are you willing to let this psalm become your psalm?*

***Psalm 23: Our Shepherd King provides for us***

**Psalm 23:1** The LORD is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.

- LORD: is YHWH, covenant name revealed to Moses (I Am Who I Am). The eternal covenant God of the universe is the shepherd of David.
- “Not want,” sufficiency; all genuine needs met by The Shepherd.
  - Grammar: ongoing completeness.
- *Starts with a declaration of a relationship.*
  - *Lays the foundation for everything else.*
- *Then what follows is a confession of radical sufficiency!*

**Psalm 23:2** He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside quiet waters.

- “Green pastures,” settled rest, and belonging (newly sprouted vegetation).
- “Quiet waters,” waters of resting-places.
- “Makes me lie down,” job of the shepherd.
  - Sustenance comes without fear or agitation.
- Genuine spiritual rest is not self-produced but Shepherd provided.
- God does not provide His gifts in ways that overwhelm or destroys us. He meets us at our capacity.
- If you or someone you know is feeling like they are running on empty: listen to our Savior Shepherd say, “Come to Me, and I will give you rest.”
- If that Savior Shepherd is not your shepherd, Jesus Christ can be. It is a personal confession, “The LORD is *my* shepherd.”
- Is there an area of your life where you are trying to provide for yourself that only the Shepherd has promised to provide?

**Psalm 23:3** He restores my soul;  
He guides me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name’s sake.

- Two great acts of divine care: restoration and guidance.
- “Paths of righteousness,” tracks of rightness.
- God’s motivation: His name’s sake (reputation as the faithful God Who keeps His covenant promises).

***Psalm 23: Our Shepherd King protects us***

**Psalm 23:4** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil, for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

- Pivotal verse: emotional shift from “God is” to “You.”
- “Valley,” ravines, danger: fall to death, robbers.
- “Rod:” club for warding off predators, discipline for wayward sheep.  
“Staff:” hook to pull wayward sheep from danger. Both are symbols of

authority and protective care are a comfort because they are visible expressions of the presence of The Great Shepherd.

- “You are with me,” God with us (Emmanuel)!

**Psalm 23:5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.

- After guiding us through the valley, the Shepherd has set a feast for us.
- The feast is public, lavish, and sovereign.
- The enemies are still present.
- Anointing with oil is to welcome and/ or honor and/ or consecrate.
- Overflowing cup speaks of joy and provision that exceeds all measure.
- If you or someone you know is in the valley right now (relationship, job, finances, health, depression, prodigal, a dream that is dying), The Great Shepherd is in the valley with you. He has brought the instruments of His authority and His guiding love into your darkness. And in the presence of whatever enemies with which you are dealing, The Shepherd Host Who is sovereign over the whole universe has set the table for you. You have been anointed with the Holy Spirit. Your cup will overflow. Please come to Him.
- How can you acknowledge His presence with you in your valley?
- Is there an area where you have been praying to God to remove the enemies rather than trusting Him to prepare a table in their presence?

***Psalm 23: Our Shepherd King has promises for us***

**Psalm 23:6** Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

- The moral goodness of God and the lovingkindness of God will pursue (hunt me down) relentlessly all my days.
- Dwell forever with God.
- Is the eternal house of the LORD your ultimate destination?
- If you are in Christ and you have lost your way in the valley, because the darkness has felt so thick, remember that goodness and lovingkindness are hunting you down. Remember that the Great Shepherd is leading you towards the eternal house of the LORD.
- How does that idea of goodness and lovingkindness hunting you down change your perspective on your experiences?
- How can your confidence in dwelling in the house of the LORD forever change the way that you navigate present suffering.

- How can that eternal perspective expand your vision beyond your present valley?

***Psalm 23: Our Shepherd King is enough***

- **Divine Providence:** Every experience of the sheep (sustenance, rest, restoration, valley, feast, pursuit) is governed by the Great Shepherd. Jesus Christ declared Himself to be this Great Shepherd.
- **Divine Faithfulness** (Lovingkindness): Covenant love in action. Every provision noted above is an expression of the unbreakable covenant commitment of God. This is perfectly demonstrated in Jesus Christ through Him laying down His life for us.
- **Divine Presence** (You are with me in verse 4 is the pivot) transforms the danger and despair as triggers to drive us closer to the One who is with us (Jesus is the Emmanuel, Matthew 1) in His incarnation, His life, His death, His burial, His resurrection, His promise of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and the eventual culmination that is pictured in Revelation.
- **Divine Fulfillment;** Jesus Christ when He declared Himself as the Good Shepherd (John 10:11, 14), He is identifying Himself as YHWH incarnate. Jesus laid down His life (valley of death) for the sheep, Who leads them to the Father (guiding in the paths of righteousness), and Who will provide the messianic banquet (table prepared), and Who promises eternal dwelling (John 14:2-3).
- In our culture of unrelenting anxiety inducing concerns, performance pressure, insecurity, our sufficiency is not found in self-reliance but in dependence on the Great Shepherd.
- God does not promise dark valley avoidance, but rather God promises to accompany the believer through every valley. God is with us as the Shepherd of light!
- The promise of soul restoration addresses burnout and weariness. The still waters that lead to restoration are the disciplines of prayer, scripture, worship, and sabbath). The Great Shepherd still leads to those still waters and green pastures.

**You are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.**

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