

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
April 25, 2021 – 10: 15 AM**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Psalm 23

One: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

All: You spread a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

One: You anoint my head with oil; my cup is running over.

All: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

One: And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

One: If anyone sins, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf—Jesus Christ, the righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of everyone. Let us confess our sins before God and one another. (I John 2:1,2).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: God said to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased.” We have a high priest who is able to understand our weaknesses; who was tempted in every way as we are tempted, yet he was without sin. In Christ’s name we may draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, and there find mercy and grace to help in time of need. Friends, hear and believe the good news. (Mark. 1: 11; Hebrews. 4: 14-16)

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. AMEN.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

GOSPEL:

John 10: 11-18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

SERMON:

“The Fleece of the Flock”

Rev. Sandee Kosmo

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: