



March 2, 2022

Ringing of Bell

Prelude: Lenten Meditation – Balm in Gilead – Shepherd Me, O God

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

- P: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
C: **But, O Lord, we are consumed with wanting more.**
P: He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
C: **But, O Lord, other pastures seem greener.
The waters aren't always still. Our souls still thirst.**
P: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
C: **O Lord, we long to be led by you,
though we may complain along the path.**
P: 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.
C: **And yet, O God, we do sometimes fear.
May we feel your presence, your comfort and your forgiveness anew.**
P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
C: **O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at your table.
Forgive us and help us to see your overflowing mercy.**
P: 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.
C: **Forgive us, God, and lead us into your house.**
P: People of the living God, I declare
that God's mercy is wider than our sins,
God's power far exceeds our limitations,
and God's love wins out over all that rises against it.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior
you are forgiven.
C: **Amen.**

Imposition of Ashes

[Instrumental service music – *Create In Me a Clean Heart* - ELW 188]

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

All: **Loving God, we have all we need in you, yet we strive for more, better, and best. Remind us that you provide us with life – the breath in our lungs and cool water to drink – so that we might share of your abundance with all in need. Amen.**

Psalm 103:8-14 We read responsively

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: **He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.**

P: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

C: **For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

P: As far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

C: **As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

P: For he knows how we were made;

All: **He remembers that we are dust.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to: John 10:11-15

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹¹‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.’

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message Pastor Julie Rogness

Song: Shepherd Me, O God We sing: Refrain-Verse 1-Refrain

Refrain

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from
death in - to life. *To Verse*

Verse 1

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I rest in the mead-ows of
faithfulness & love, I walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace. *To Refrain*

Prayers

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion P: Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

Communion Distribution (piano/organ music)

Communion Blessing

Song: May the God of All Healing **SING 2Xs**

May the God of all heal - ing en - fold us in love,
fill us with peace, and lead us to whole-ness and strength.

Sending & Dismissal

P: Go in peace and love
and care for another in the name of the Lord;
and may God lead you to places of rest and renewal;
may Christ Jesus give you life in abundance;
and may the Holy Spirit fill your hearts
with gladness and generosity, both now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

Postlude: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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