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UUC Fusion Church
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“It is rare indeed that people give. Most people guard and keep; they suppose that it is they themselves and what they identify with themselves that they are guarding and keeping, whereas what they are actually guarding and keeping is their system of reality and what they assume themselves to be.”

— James Baldwin

Prelude “Sanctus” by Gounod, arr Martha Setchell

Call to Worship Psalm 23

Leader: God, you are my shepherd; I want nothing more. You let me lie down in green meadows;
you lead me beside restful waters:

People: you refresh my soul.

Leader: You guide me to lush pastures

People: for the sake of your Name.

Leader: Even if I’m surrounded by shadows of Death, I fear no danger, for you are with me. Your rod
and your staff

People: they give me courage.

Leader: You spread a table for me in the presence of my enemies, and you anoint my head with oil —

People: my cup overflows!

Leader: Only goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in your house,
God,

People: forever.

Hymn #381 "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

(Those worshipping in the sanctuary please hum only.)

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,

much we need thy tender care;

in thy pleasant pastures feed us,

for our use thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!

Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!

Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

4. Early let us seek thy favor,

early let us do thy will;

blessed Lord and only Savior,

with thy love our bosoms fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Time for the Children

Opening Scripture Proverbs 11:25

Dexter Time (Laurie and her dog, Dexter discuss the opening scripture)

Children's Prayer

Lord's Prayer (using debts-debtors)

Following Dexter Time, children in the sanctuary may, if they wish, go to the upstairs play room while those on Zoom may leave the Zoom viewing area.

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Special Music "Shepherd Me, O God" by Marty Haugen

Prayers of the People *When Laurie says, "Lord, in your mercy," please say and/or sign "Hear our prayer."*

Time of Offering Ourselves in Commitment

Musical Offertory "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" Setting by Paul Manz

Blessing and Amen

Responsive Reading Psalm 112 *The Message*

Leader: Hallelujah! Blessed man, blessed woman, who fear God, who cherish and relish God's commandments,

their children robust on the earth, and the homes of the upright —

People: how blessed!

Leader: Their houses brim with wealth and a generosity that never runs dry. Sunrise breaks through the darkness for good people —

People: God's grace and mercy and justice!

Leader: The good person is generous and lends lavishly; no shuffling or stumbling around for this one,

People: But a sterling and solid and lasting reputation. Leader: Unfazed by rumor and gossip, heart ready, trusting in God,

People: spirit firm, unperturbed,

Leader: Ever blessed, relaxed among enemies, they lavish gifts on the poor—

People: A generosity that goes on, and on, and on.

Leader: An honored life!

People: A beautiful life!

Leader: Someone wicked takes one look and rages, blusters away but ends up speechless. There's nothing to the dreams of the wicked.

People: Nothing.

Scripture Reading II Corinthians 8:1-7

Reflection

Hymn #354 "I Surrender All"

(Those worshipping in the sanctuary please hum only.)

1. All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

3. All to Jesus I surrender;
make me, Savior, wholly thine;
fill me with thy love and power;
truly know that thou art mine.

(Refrain)

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Response** by Bob Kilpatrick

Leader: In this church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In this church, Lord, be glorified today.

People: In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

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Postlude

Those on Zoom are invited to remain online following the service for a Virtual Coffee Hour.

Lay Leader: Lana Meissner

Special Music: Luanne Crosby, John Buckwalter, Laurel Buckwalter, Vern Burdick

Accompanists: Peter O'Connor, Laurel Buckwalter

Zoom Co-Host: John Buckwalter

Flowers: Jen and Mary Smith

Prayer Concerns

Mindy Smith, Catherine Chambers, Ding Jiaxi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Sharon & Roger Smith, Wes Bentz, Beverly Snyder's sister (Barbara), 3 yr. old Lowin, Jim Rausch, victims of hurricane Laura, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze's niece), Beverly Snyder's sister, victims of wild fires, Esther (Buckwalter) Epps, Sharon Burdick (breast cancer surgery).