

***\*Prayer of Dedication***

*Carl Snow*

**All: Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness; your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***\*Hymn #562 Be Thou My Vision***

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son. Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine Inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart. High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won. May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun.  
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall. Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

***\*Charge and Benediction***

*Andy Morgan*

***\*Congregational Benediction***

**Make us one, Lord, make us one;  
Holy Spirit, make us one.  
Let your love flow so the world will know  
we are one in you**

***Postlude***

***Greeters Bill New, Mary Beth New***

***Ushers Tony Tuk***

***Liturgist Carl Snow***

***Music Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble***

***Minister Dr. Andy Morgan***

***Announcements***

**Who:** All members are invited

**What:** Consider the Birds. Join us for an introductory bird watching/fellowshipping event. The birding members of the church will introduce us to the hobby of bird watching followed by a bag lunch. The event will be hosted by Dave and Tracye Robertson

**Where:** 6809 Maloneyville Road, Corryton, TN 37721

**When:** May 6, 2023, 9am - after lunch. Transportation and/or carpool will leave from the church at 8:15

**Additional information:** Please bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. Wear hiking clothes and bring a pair of binoculars, a camping chair, and wading shoes if you would like to dip your toes in the river. If you would prefer to sit in the pavillion and enjoy the spring day and country air, you are welcome to do that as well.

**Questions:** Contact Bill Keeler (especially bird questions) or Don Grogan



**April 30, 2023**

***Prelude***

***Word of Welcome***

*Andy Morgan*

***Call to Worship***

*Carl Snow*

Leader: We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,

**All: and gives us refreshment of soul.**

Leader: Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,

**All: so that the name of God will be glorified.**

Leader: Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,

**All: for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.**

Leader: We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,

**All: and we shall be with him for ever and ever. Amen!**

***Prayer of the Day***

*Carl Snow*

Leader: Shepherd of our lives, Guide us to the still waters. Lead us on the right paths. Walk beside us when we go through our darkest valleys. Help us to know Your Comforting Presence is always with us. We know that in You there is nothing to be afraid of, so help us to stand for love, peace and justice. We know that You prepare the table before us, that You care for us, that We are Your sheep forever. Help us in this world to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with You; and wherever we may go, may we follow Your path. In the name of Christ, the Good Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

***\*Hymn All Things Bright and Beautiful***

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky; [Refrain]

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them, ev'ry one. [Refrain]

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. [Refrain]

***Ritual of Friendship***

*Andy Morgan*

*Members and Guests – Please sign and pass the friendship register located on the center aisle under the pew in front*

### ***Call to Confession***

Leader - God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

*Carl Snow*

### ***Prayer of Confession***

**All: Gentle Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.**

*Carl Snow*

*(Time for Silent Confession)*

### ***Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace***

Leader: The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep so that the sheep may live. We are part of the flock, we are part of Christ's body. In Christ we find forgiveness, wholeness and restoration. Go forth and share this Good News. Amen.

*Carl Snow*

### ***\*Gloria Patri***

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.*

### ***\*Passing the Peace***

Leader: When we pass the peace of Christ, God is shaping us into the instruments of peace that he created and calls us to be and become. As we practice passing the peace, it's hard to imagine that a simple handshake could ever degrade into a fist fight. How could the same hand that embraces the frail hand of a senior member, the shaking hand of the ill, the tentative hand of the introvert, the rough hand of a laborer, or the soft hand of a little child be considered a weapon? How could the hand that is regularly trained in worship to extend peace become a cause of division? Our time of passing peace is more than a chance to catch up with our neighbors or meet new friends, this is a time of shepherding; this is the possibility that a simple gesture on Sunday gives us.

*Carl Snow*

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

### ***Prayer of Illumination***

Leader: Shepherd of Souls, You call us to an abundant feast. at the table of your word; Open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. Amen

*Carl Snow*

### ***Gospel Reading John 10:22-30***

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### ***Psalms Reading Psalm 23 (translation from Song's Ascending)***

*Andy Morgan*

A psalm of David.

Adonai, my shepherd:  
I lack nothing –  
In meadows thick with grass You lay me down,  
Across streams serene You guide me.  
My life You restore,  
Leading me serenely in well-worn paths of justice  
To glorify Your name.  
Even when I walk in a valley dark as death's shadow

I shall fear no ferocity,  
For You are with me,  
Your staff and Your walking stick – they reassure me.

You set a table before me along with my enemies,  
You rain rich oils 'round my head;  
My cup? Overflowing!

For certain, goodness and the love of Your covenant  
Will run after me all the days of my life,  
And I shall abide in God's house  
For long days,  
Long, long days.

### ***Sermon Long Days Ahead***

*Andy Moran*

### ***\*Affirmation of Faith - Psalm 23 (King James Version)***

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

### ***\*Hymn #139 Great is Thy Faithfulness***

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

### ***Prayer & The Lord's Prayer***

*Andy Morgan*

**All: 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**

### ***Call for Offering***

*Carl Snow*

Leader: "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing." Trusting in divine care, let us present our tithes and offerings to God who restores our lives eternally.

### ***Offertory***

### ***\*Doxology***

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost**