



First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide for Sunday, May 24, 2020

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Ascension of Our Lord Sunday

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Worship and offer praise to our Good Shepherd.

People: The Lord is our Shepherd, our guardian and guide.

Leader: Remember and celebrate the ways God is present in our lives.

People: God's green pastures and silent waters beckon us and comfort our souls.

Leader: In every circumstance of life, God abides with us.

People: Even when the world offers us nothing but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with love and bounty.

Leader: God's faithful mercy always accompany us on our journey,

People: and in God's presence we will find eternal peace and rest.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 21:1-4

MORNING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Gary Ihfe

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-7

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Gentle Shepherd"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. ² He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. ³ He renews my strength.

He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

⁴ Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.

You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

⁶ Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

(New Living Translation, NLT)

SERMON

"The Lord's House"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"The House of God Forever"

BENEDICTION