

MUMC At-Home Worship:

March 29, 2020

It's been an interesting week! As our time apart continues and we anticipate it will go for some time, we're glad you're still joining us in worship with this at-home guide. As a note, the church building will be closed through at least April 13th in accordance with the governor's executive order and following the guidance of our bishop. While the building is closed, we will still be checking the mail daily and depositing checks mailed to the church, because our work as the church continues! Even with the building closed, we can still worship, grow in faith, and share God's love.

Even in unusual times like we find ourselves in, God is with us. Thanks be to God!

-Pastor Dillon

If available, place a candle in the center of your gathering space and light it with this prayer:

Dear God, open our hearts to enter into your presence with worship and praise. Open our eyes to your Spirit among us. In Christ's name, Amen.

Hymn: *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*, United Methodist Hymnal #128 – [watch/listen here](#) (v1-2)

Scripture: Psalm 23

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflect:

1. When you picture God as a shepherd, what sort of images come to mind?
2. The Psalm says God guides us in "proper paths" (verse 3) but also that we may "walk through the darkest valley" (verse 4). How might God guide us in the difficult times?
3. How might we embody the overflowing joy and peace this Psalm evokes in these times?

Hymn: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*, United Methodist Hymnal #381 – [watch/listen here](#) (v.1-3)

Prayer Request: Share prayer requests and have a moment of silent prayer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, United Methodist Hymnal #140 – [watch/listen here](#)

Closing Prayer:

Dear God, as we leave this time of worship, may our hearts remain with you. Send your Spirit with us that we might shine your light wherever we go. In Christ's name, Amen. (*Blow out the candle*)

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought
United Methodist Hymnal #128

1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. (Refrain)
3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. (Refrain)
4. And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. (Refrain)

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Psalm 23 (CEB)

The Lord is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

He lets me rest in grassy meadows;

he leads me to restful waters;

he keeps me alive.

He guides me in proper paths

for the sake of his good name.

Even when I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no danger because you are with me.

Your rod and your staff—

they protect me.

You set a table for me

right in front of my enemies.

You bathe my head in oil;

my cup is so full it spills over!

Yes, goodness and faithful love

will pursue me all the days of my life,

and I will live in the Lord's house

as long as I live.

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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
United Methodist Hymnal #381

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.
2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
3. Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.
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.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness
United Methodist Hymnal #140

1. 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!
2. 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)
3. 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)

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