

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Isaiah 40:9-11

Scripture John 10:1-10

Sermon "Lead-Shepherding" Rev. Graham

* **Hymn #803** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Resignation

* **Affirmation of Faith (unison)** Psalm 23 (KJV)

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 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 for ever.

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *The Final Victory* Jason Krug
(Commissioned piece)
Bells of Peace

* **Doxology** Hymnal #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

* Hymn #643

Now Thank We All Our God Nun Danket Alle Gott

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice, and Be Glad
Bells of Peace

Jason W. Krug

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Rev. Jim Graham, Guest Preacher; Paul Nisbet, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Janet Scott, Worship Pianist/Director of Handbells; Sarah Thornbery, Song Leader; Bells of Peace; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Lynne Wiley, Barista.

We are delighted to welcome the *Bells of Peace Handbell Choir* from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland to our worship service today. The music they are performing was commissioned to honor their director, Janet Scott. Janet also directs our Renaissance Ringers and is one of our team of pianists/organists. It is a joy to have the *Bells of Peace* share their beautiful music with us.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available for use during the worship services. Please contact an usher for assistance.

Sensory toys are available outside of the nursery for children who may wish to use them during worship.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in the Gathering Area before and after today's service. Stop by for fellowship and refreshments.

Announcements

Renaissance Ringers will rehearse Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir will rehearse Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets in the Youth Room at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. On May 16 and 23, we will explore the theme, "On the Way: The Road to Community," with scripture study and reflection as shared from Lisa's experience at ARW.

There will be a **Special Called Meeting** following the worship service to approve Dianne Gerber to replace Corbit Harrison on Session and to approve Tara Downie to be on the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee.

The Building and Grounds Committee is looking for individuals that would like to join Darrell Templeton and other committee members, to help maintain the facility. If you are interested, please contact Darrell Templeton, 937-222-4351 or call the church office.

Are you graduating? Or is someone in your household graduating? We'd like to lift up all graduates in a time of prayer during worship on Sunday, May 28. At that time, we will also present gift Bibles to students graduating from high school. By May 22, please call the church office or email sandy@fpcmiddletown.com with any names to include.

Children's Ministry

Nursery Care is available for infants and children up to 5 years old, located next to Room 110. Two childcare workers, Monique Watkins and Ingrid Cuadra, provide exceptional care for which we are grateful.

Sunday School (children ages 6-12) is offered most Sundays* in the Godly Play Room following the Passing of the Peace at which time leaders will escort children to Sunday School. When worship concludes, parents/guardians will need to come to the Godly Play Room to pick up their child(ren). (*Note: This month, Sunday School will meet on 5/14 and 5/21. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, etc.

Music Ministry

We have invited the **Phil DeGreg Trio** to celebrate Pentecost with us on **Sunday, May 28**. The Sanctuary Choir is collaborating with the Phil DeGreg Trio on our Pentecost anthem. You will not want to miss this wonderful Sunday of word and music. *Spirit's Comin'!*