



The Good Shepherd for Earth Sunday!
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Eternal God, whose breath is the universe, whose Word is the world—

All: amazed, we praise you.

Leader: Creating God, who with delight and play, with wisdom and beauty fashions every creature—

All: in love, we thank you.

Leader: Loving God, you weave us into the great web of life,

All: which is our shared home, our common body, our one belonging. Grateful, we worship you.

*HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

UMH #147

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, in the beginning was the Word, and all things were created in the Word. All Creation is your Word made flesh. Speak your Word to us now, that we may become your Word. We open our hearts to your presence and your grace. Amen.

THE BASKET

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

God, life – your life – is so freely and abundantly available, it pulses in all creation, and in every human soul. Yet we have allowed ourselves to be seduced by death, and have left ourselves and our planet thirsty and lethargic.

So, where rain forests are destroyed to exploit immediate resources for short term profits, we pray that your life would teach us restraint;

Where human waste piles up and poisons the earth, and the lives of the creatures in it, we pray that your life would teach us wisdom;

Where the growth and nurture of children is stunted, by poverty and inequality, we pray that your life would teach us generosity and compassion;

Where life in all its various expressions is denied and suppressed by hatred, self-interest, war and megalomania, we pray that your life would teach us love and humility.

Teach us, O God, to live – to really live, abundantly, freely, generously and humbly, that life may be nurtured, multiplied and shared, – in all its amazing diversity – through us. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE **John 10:11-16 Common English Bible**

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That’s because he isn’t the shepherd; the sheep aren’t really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. He’s only a hired hand and the sheep don’t matter to him.

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that don’t belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

MESSAGE *Listening to the Good Shepherd*

HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* *UMH #381*

PRAYER FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

We thank You, God, for a love so strong, that You would fashion a universe place within it a world, and give life to creatures so that You could have someone to love. That You would confront the worst that people can do and conquer without drawing any blood but Your own.

That You would breathe Your Spirit into what You made, allowing human hands to share in building your life and purpose in the world.

That You would live in that which You created, and inspire love for You in our hearts, so that when we take the time to look we would find you in each other and in your creation and share the love we have found in You. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

***Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. X2***

***And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am
rich" Because of what the Lord has done for us. X2
Give Thanks***

Doxology

***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.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of love, you abide with us, you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks

*** CLOSING HYMN *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* see insert**

BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

POSTLUDE

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Please join us as we continue our worship with food and conversation in fellowship hall

Book Club

Confirmation Class

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ANNOUNCEMENTS April 21, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS April 21st ~ 28th

Monday April 22nd

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday April 23rd

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study The Lord's Prayer @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

Wednesday April 24th

Bible Study on Prayer @ 12pm (BYOL)

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Grace Café @ 6:30pm BYO Dinner

Thursday April 25th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

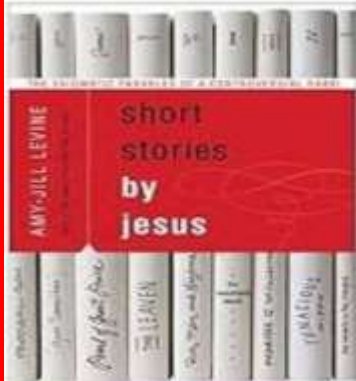
Bible Study A Disciples Path @ 7pm in the Pastor's office.

Friday April 26th

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

Sunday April 28th

Worship @ 10am



Join us for our new
Wednesday @12pm Bible Study

beginning
Wednesday May 1, 2024

Jesus was a skilled storyteller and perceptive teacher who used parables from everyday life to effectively convey his message and meaning. Amy-Jill Levine reveals the parables'

connections to first-century economic and agricultural life, social customs and morality, Jewish scriptures and Roman culture. With this revitalized understanding, she interprets these moving stories for the contemporary reader, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us—and when read rightly, still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later.

BYO Lunch and meet us in the Pastor's office

Spring Choral Concerts

Mark your calendars!

The **Ridgewood Singers** are presenting, “One Voice: Songs of Joy, Peace and Unity” **Sunday, May 5th @ 2:00**. The performance is at The First Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood. **See either Cathy Nalesnik or Anita Dispenziere for tickets.**

The **New Jersey Choral Society** is presenting, “**Gloryland**” which features American songs from the traditions of Spirituals, Gospel and the Sacred Harp. The performance is **Saturday, June 8th at 7:30** at the Westside Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood. **Please see Lyn Sentkowski for tickets.**

The words and music in our liturgy, hymns, and songs are by:

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