

lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding in Faith

Affirmation of Faith

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul.

Notes

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music
+Response *Give Thanks* STF2036

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

Going into the World

+Hymn *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* STF2171
+Charge and Benediction
+Postlude

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+Stand as you are able

Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ candle

+Call to Worship

L: Like a shepherd to a sheep, like a parent to a child

P: We hear God calling to us, calling us to come

L: God's voice in our hearts leads us to God

P: We hear it and come, and rest in God's presence for all of our lives.

+Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **Amazing God, you are holy and righteous and we are in awe of you, for you sent to us the Christ to show us the way and to be our path to you. May we heed your call to love one another by acting to end suffering in the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray together: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin***

against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

+Hymn *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* #457

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Good and merciful God, we are very like sheep sometimes—we are wayward and don't know how to take care of our lives. You call to us and show us the way, but we are easily distracted by the new and shiny things we see around us. Have mercy on us, O God, and guide us on the path that will lead us to righteousness; bring us back to the fold when we have gone astray; let us know that even when we leave the path you will always seek us out and bring us home. (moment of silence.)

**What does Peter say about the man who has been healed?
What is the name by which all mortals are to be saved?**

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news! In the risen Christ we are set on the right path and our waywardness is righted. Thanks be to God! Amen.

P: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* (Refrain only, 2x) #106

The Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Anthem *There is a Redeemer* - Greene

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

May you be in our hearing and our thoughts as we listen to your word today. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Acts 4:5-12 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John,^{*} and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners^{*} stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do

According to John, how do we know if we are from the truth? Is it easier or harder to believe we should follow just one commandment instead of ten?

this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,^{*} whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus^{*} is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'^{*}

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* #171

I John 3:16-24 ¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our