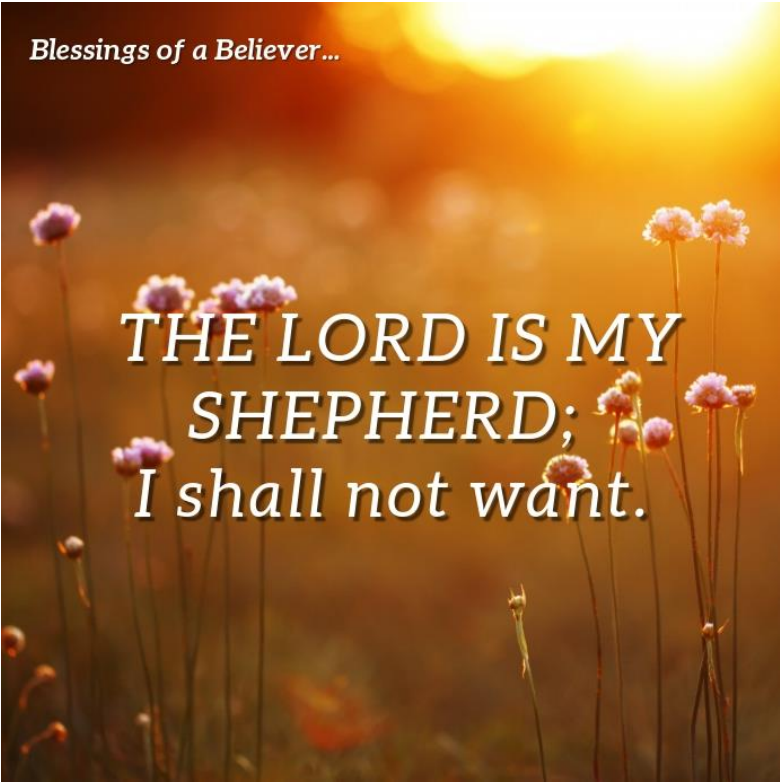


*Blessings of a Believer...*



**THE LORD IS MY  
SHEPHERD;  
I shall not want.**

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## Welcome

### Announcements

*Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.*

Prelude

*“Promised Land”*

Smith

### **Prayer of Preparation** *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

*Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith; hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise; make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### **\*Call to Worship – From Psalm 106:1-8**

L: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!  
His faithful love endures forever.

**P: Who can list the glorious miracles of the Lord? Who can ever praise Him enough?**

L: There is joy for those who deal justly with others and always do what is right.

**P: Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people; come near and rescue me.**

L: Let me share in the prosperity of your chosen ones. Let me rejoice in the joy of your people; let me praise you with those who are your heritage.

**P: Like our ancestors, we have sinned. We have done wrong! We have acted wickedly!**

L: Our ancestors in Egypt were not impressed by the Lord’s miraculous deeds. They soon forgot His many acts of kindness to them. Instead, they rebelled against Him at the Red Sea.

**P: Even so, He saved them – to defend the honor of His name and to demonstrate His mighty power.**

\*Hymn

*“The Church’s One Foundation”*

PH #442

### Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that, just like Jesus' disciples, we too sometimes lose patience with people who need our help and support. Like the disciples, we find ourselves wishing that they would just go away and leave us in peace. In Your mercy, forgive us. Remind us again of the deep love You show us when we are in need. Show us how to love others as You have loved us. Teach us Your compassion, so that we may be Your hands and feet to those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal reflection)

## Assurance of Pardon

### The Peace

**L:** Peace be with you.

**P:** And also with you.

**\*Gloria Patri      “Glory Be to the Father”      PH #579**

**Chancel Choir “Praise the Lord with Jubilant Song”**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Old Testament Reading      Exodus 32:1-14

Gospel Reading      Matthew 22:1-14

New Testament Reading/Sermon Reading      Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon      “*Rejoice in the Lord Always!*”      Pastor Edgecombe

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*Affirmation of Faith “A Brief Statement of Faith”**

*(This is found in the front of the Red Hymnal Book – Section B)*

**\*Hymn      “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”      PH #368**

## Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered:

**L:** God of Mercy,

**P:** hear our prayer.

# The Lord's Prayer

## Offering

**Offertory**

*"Offertory"*

Hayes

**\*Doxology**

**PH #591**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*Hymn**

*"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"*

**PH #145**

**\*Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

*"To God Be the Glory"*

*Doane/Hughes*

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

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ORGANIST:

Emma Lou Denton

PIANIST:

Julia Territo/Rich Ford

GREETER/USHER:

Rhonda Plaeger

LITURGIST:

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***\*Please stand, if able***

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