

First Presbyterian Church – Lake Charles
2nd Sunday after Pentecost – June 14, 2020

Prelude

“Shepherd”

Amanda Cook

Welcome and Announcements

+ *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

387 (Presbyterian Hymnal)

*“He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless,
Like sheep without a shepherd.” (Mt. 9:36)*

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

Psalm 116

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice, my cry for mercy;

Because he turned his hear to me, I will call on him as long as I love.

How can we repay the Lord for all his goodness to us?

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

We will sacrifice our offerings of thanks, and call on your name, O Lord.

Truly I am your servant, Lord; in the courts of this house of praise,

in your very midst, we will declare, ‘Praise the Lord!’

+ *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

Martin Smith

+ **Prayer of Adoration:** Savior, like a shepherd you have led us into your courts to lift up our sacrifices of praise and thanks. We come in part because of our confidence that you do indeed hear us when we call on you... for indeed, much we do ‘need your tender care.’ Knowing that we could never repay your goodness to us, accept the offering of our very lives. Be the guardian of our way as we seek to serve you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, by your precious blood, you have bought us. Yours we are. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession and Prayer

Like a good shepherd, you, O Lord, do seek us when we go astray. You promise to receive us no matter the depth of our sin. Keep us from sin; defend us. You alone have the mercy to relieve us... the Grace to cleanse us... and the power to heal. And just as Abraham’s wife Sarah laughed in disbelief that God would answer her prayers in the most unlikely way, so too may we be filled with joy at the way you answer our prayers for mercy and forgiveness. Hear us now as your wandering sheep lift up our prayers of confession, confident of your answer...

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, God’s strength for our weakness, we are forgiven! Amen!

Prayer of Illumination: God of redemption, summon us to Sarah’s joy, Abraham’s wonder, and Paul’s confident hope through the word and work of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Genesis 18:1-5

Pew Bible, O.T., p. 14

Romans 5:1-8

Pew Bible, N.T., p. 155

Matthew 9:35-38, 10:16-20

Pew Bible, N.T., p. 9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Message

“Love Hurts”

Rev. Chan Willis

+ We Believe...

1 Peter 1:3-7

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.**

**This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s
power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

**In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief
in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—
of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—
may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”**

Dedication of Our Offerings

+ Doxology

592 (PH)

Prayer of Dedication: In the name and in the Spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, O God. Help us to give along with them a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.

Hungry (Falling on My Knees)

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and “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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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”

+ The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)

2130 (STF)

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Postlude