

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer
Prayer/Lord's Prayer *The Lord's Prayer*
Choral Response

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23
 Mark 9:38-50

HYMN *(remain seated)* *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* (verses 1-2) No. 462

SERMON SHEPHERD ME, O LORD Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Anonymous/arr. Mark Hayes
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the Source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*CLOSING HYMN *He Leadeth Me* No. 128

*BENEDICTION

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

RESPONSE *May You Run and Not Be Weary* TFWS #2281

POSTLUDE *Be Thou Exalted* Edward H. Wetherill

**Please stand as able.*

Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Organ: Brad Bettencourt Soloist: David Anderson

Today's Scripture

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff--
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely 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.

Mark 9:38-50

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Today's Liturgist: Rosslyn Clauson

ATTENDANCE						GIVING
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
09/01	42	49	91	20	111	\$ 7,012
09/08	37	52	89	30	119	\$ 7,760
09/15	36	60	96	21	117	\$ 7,343
09/22	35	52	87	10	97	\$ 3,964
Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,321						
STEWARDSHIP REPORT:						
YTD Received \$75,811 YTD Budgeted \$74,772						

HOSPITALITY TIME

*Today's Hosts:
WORSHIP TEAM*

*Next Sunday
October 6*

Endowment/ELT



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon	Sep 30	4:30 PM Communications-L, 6:30 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH.
Tue	Oct 1	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study-Criswell Hall, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 7:00 PM Board of Trustees-MMR.
Wed	Oct 2	9:00 AM Church Work Morning, CH, 10:00 AM Fellowship -Library.
Thu	Oct 3	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Craft Workshop-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary.
Sun	Oct 6	8:30 AM Contemporary Service--Sanctuary. 11:30 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary. World Communion Sunday




Abbreviaton Legend

- CH--Criswell Hall
- S--Sanctuary
- K--Kitchen
- L--Library---
- Room #123
- MMR--McMillen Room #113
- PS--Pastor's Study
- HR--Handbell Room #115


TODAY!



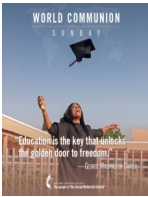
Sunday, Sep 29 4:00 PM Free Movie Night "Jules", starring Ben Kingsley, finds his quiet life upended when a UFO and its extra-terrestrial passenger crash land in his back yard. And that just begins the story! Sign up in Narthex. **Free movie, popcorn, refreshments!**



Nicola's Chair Yoga Class is adding a second weekly session. Beginning on Thu. Oct. 3 the classes will be on **both Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 AM** in Criswell Hall. The drop-in fee is \$5 per session.



Sunday, Oct 6 World Communion Sunday to provide scholarships and leadership development for international and U.S. racial-ethnic students pursuing advanced degrees. Use offering envelopes in the pews.




Sunday, Oct 20th 4:00 PM 140th Anniversary Celebration in the Tabernacle at Camp Arroyo Grande
Save the date and invite your friends and family to this fun and historic event! Sign up on the sheet at Connections desk in the Narthex.



Fri. Nov 1, Sat. Nov 2 and Sun. Nov 3 Holiday Boutique
Mark your calendars to attend! Also sign up to volunteer to help at UWF table in Criswell Hall.



Altar Flowers
For information on flower dedications and ordering altar flowers, please contact the church office.




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September 29, 2024

10:30 AM

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Blessed Assurance* Phoebe Knapp/arr. Melody Bober

INTROIT *Guide My Feet* TFWS #2208

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is our shepherd.
We are Christ's sheep.
 The shepherd is calling us into the fold.
We will follow our shepherd.
 Rejoice in safety guided by shepherds hand.
In Gods flock, we rest secure.
 Come! Let us worship.

*OPENING HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 127

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, in the midst of all sorrow and loss,
 you wipe away every tear from our eyes.
 May the wonders of your love
 reach down to us this day.
 Wake us from complacency that numbs our spirits,
 and nourish us in the strength of your Word.
 May the world see the shepherd living in us
 and may we come to dwell in your pastures
 which remain ever green. Amen.**

SOLO *The Twenty-Third Psalm*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell