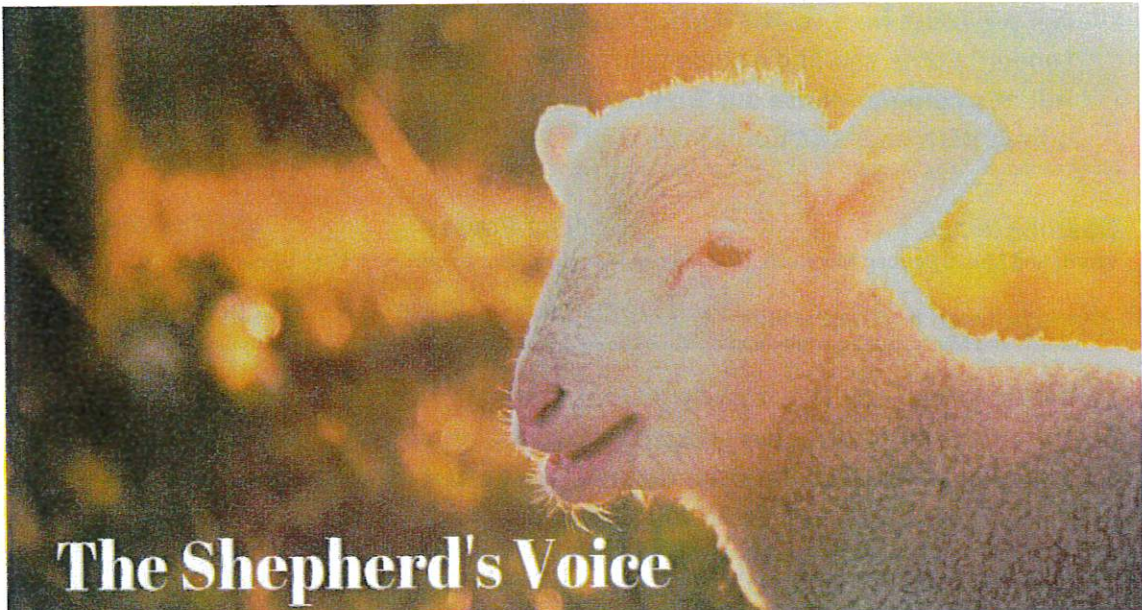


Sojourners
Christian Church



September 1, 2024



VISITORS: Please fill out a contact card from the welcome table and put it in the offering tray on your way out if you would appreciate a response from an elder or pastor, or to be added to our email list. Thank you for worshipping with us today!



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Order of Worship

Gathering Music Chris Greninger, Pianist/Organist

Welcome Rev. Teresa Spear

Bells, Entrance of the Light of Christ, and Prelude Chris Greninger

Call to Worship

Leader: Can you hear the voice of God?

All: We hear God calling us by name.

Leader: Are you troubled or distressed?

All: We come here to find a place to rest for awhile.

Leader: Come and find a guide who knows these lands.

**All: We come to praise our Shepherding God,
whose pathways and doors lead to life.**

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Opening Songs "Hear Our Praises" *Chalice Praise #41*

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"From This Very Place" *Chalice Praise #175*

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Invitation to Prayer (You may light candles at either station to aid in your personal prayer time prior to corporate prayer. Leave written requests in the offering plate by the sanctuary entrance. The Elder will offer a blessing with oil at the front of the chancel.)

Prayer Song "Be Still, My Soul" *Chalice Hymnal #566, v 1*

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Interlude during Personal Prayer Time Chris Greninger

Prayer Song "Be Still, My Soul" *Chalice Hymnal #566, v 2*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Pastor Spear

Choir Anthem "Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You" Chancel Choir

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Communion Meditation and Prayer

Patt Hinds, Elder

Words of Institution

Pastor Spear

Participation (Please come forward to partake at one of two stations before returning to your pew by the center aisle. Notify the diaconate if you prefer to be served while seated.)

Offertory and Prayer of Dedication

Patt Hinds, Elder

(Children 2nd - 6th Grades Dismissed for Kids' Church)

Scripture Reading

John 10:2-5 & 14-18 (NRSV*)

Connie Abraham

Sermon

"Shepherd Voices"

Pastor Spear

Hymn of Dedication

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *Chalice Hymnal* #622 v 1, 2

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Announcements

Pastor Spear

Closing Circle; Procession of the Light of Christ

(Please join us as we form a circle inside the sanctuary, holding hands if comfortably able, and sing the benediction to each other.)

"Grace, Love, and Fellowship"

May the grace of Christ, our Savior,
and the Love of God, our Father,
and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.

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and the Love of God, our Father,
and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.

Forever, and ever, forevermore, Amen.

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Postlude

Chris Greninger

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Elder on Call for Week of September 1-7

Patt Hinds - 417-396-0307

This Week at Sojourners Christian Church

Monday, Sept. 2

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Sunday, Sept. 8

Labor Day - Offices Closed

6:30 pm Worship Team Mtg (Theil/Umphenour)

5:30 pm Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)

9:30 am-Noon CWF

6:30 pm Choir

8:00 am Elders

9:30 am Adult Faith Formation

10:20 am Fellowship

10:20 am WGS Mtg (PLC)

10:45 am Worship/CW&W/Kids Church

4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection



We worship in spirit today with Global Ministries Mission focus for Zambia. Mission Partners in Zambia are United Church of Zambia; Theological Education by Extension in Zambia; Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation; Council of Churches in Zambia.

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