



Tecumseh United Methodist Church

Christ's compassionate community in Tecumseh;
Loving and serving prayerfully and unconditionally

Worship Podcast Bulletin ~ Podcast #2 ~ 3/22/2020

Greeting & Introduction

Psalm

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.

Prayer

Music

This harmony parts of this first piece were written and recorded a few months ago to accompany a Native American flute. I hope to replace the lead part with such a flute sometime soon.

Bible Reading(s)

John 14.27

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid.

Philippians 4.5b-7

The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ.

Reflection

Music

"Languorous Space" – an ambient piece I wrote some years ago but had not, until now, performed it with a lead line.

Intercessory Prayer

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Gracious and loving God, unite us who claim the name of Christ in your truth, your love, and in praise and thanksgiving that we may above all else love you "with all our heart, all our mind, and all our strength," for from you comes our wisdom, love, and strength.

May your Holy Spirit move among us wherever we are infusing us with your peace, that peace which is beyond our understanding but a peace that lets us stand against any storm. A peace that gives us the strength to reach out to others who need to know your peace.

May your comforting, encouraging, and healing blessings be generously given to all whose lives are harmfully disrupted by the Coronavirus pandemic:

Those made ill by COVID-19 and all who see to their medical care. All whose livelihoods have been threatened, reduced, or eliminated as many businesses have reduced or shuttered their operations. Families with children whose lives have been profoundly changed as schools have closed and gatherings with friends and extended family are curtailed.

And those who struggle with uncertainty, anxiety, and loneliness as we retreat to our homes.

Comfort, strengthen, and heal all who suffer in body, mind, spirit, or relationship, for the coronavirus has not replaced all other ills.

Guide us all, especially the leaders of our community, state, and nation during this time when all are under threat. May the partisanship and politics of confrontation and competition yield to a passionate concern and renewed effort to realize the common good.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Philippians 4.8-9

From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.