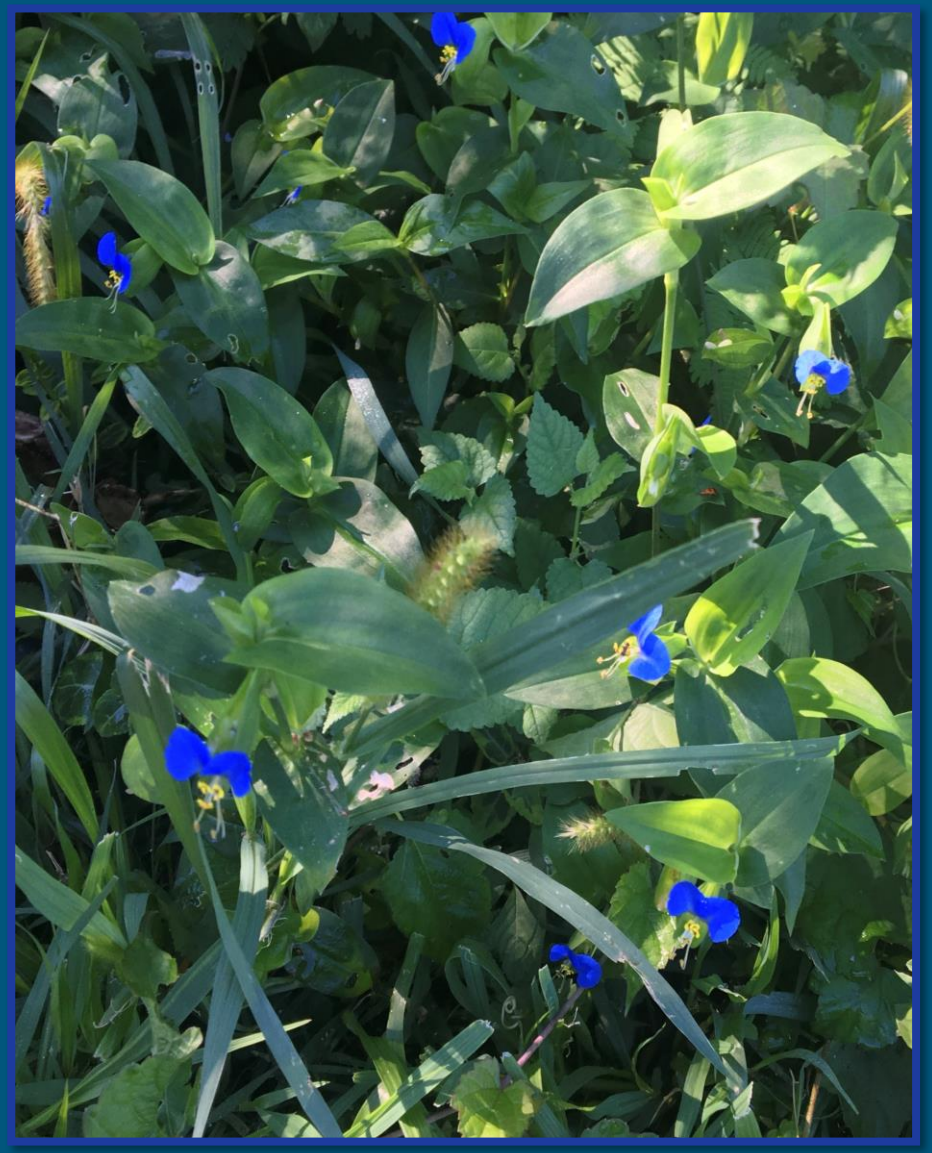

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Sunday, September 6, 2026

Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning!

Welcome and Announcements

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Communion

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Happy Birthday!

Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Happy time is your birthday, happy time this year.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
The Lord bless and keep you.
Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.
God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.

Bidden, Unbidden: Worship& Song 3019

Whether I cry out your name
or I feel all alone, ashamed
You are not gone, you are there!
Whether I notice your hand,
in all the stars, the sea, the land,
Whether or not, you are there!

If I don't feel you around,
there is no picture and no sound,
I will believe you are there.
Even on my darkest days
I will still sing a word of praise,
I will believe you are there!

Bidden, unbidden, I know you are there.
You are present always, again and again.
If I forget you, or join you in prayer,
You are present always forever. Amen

King David

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

Art by Yongsung Kim

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;

He guides me in paths

of of righteousness.

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Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

For You *are* with me. Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

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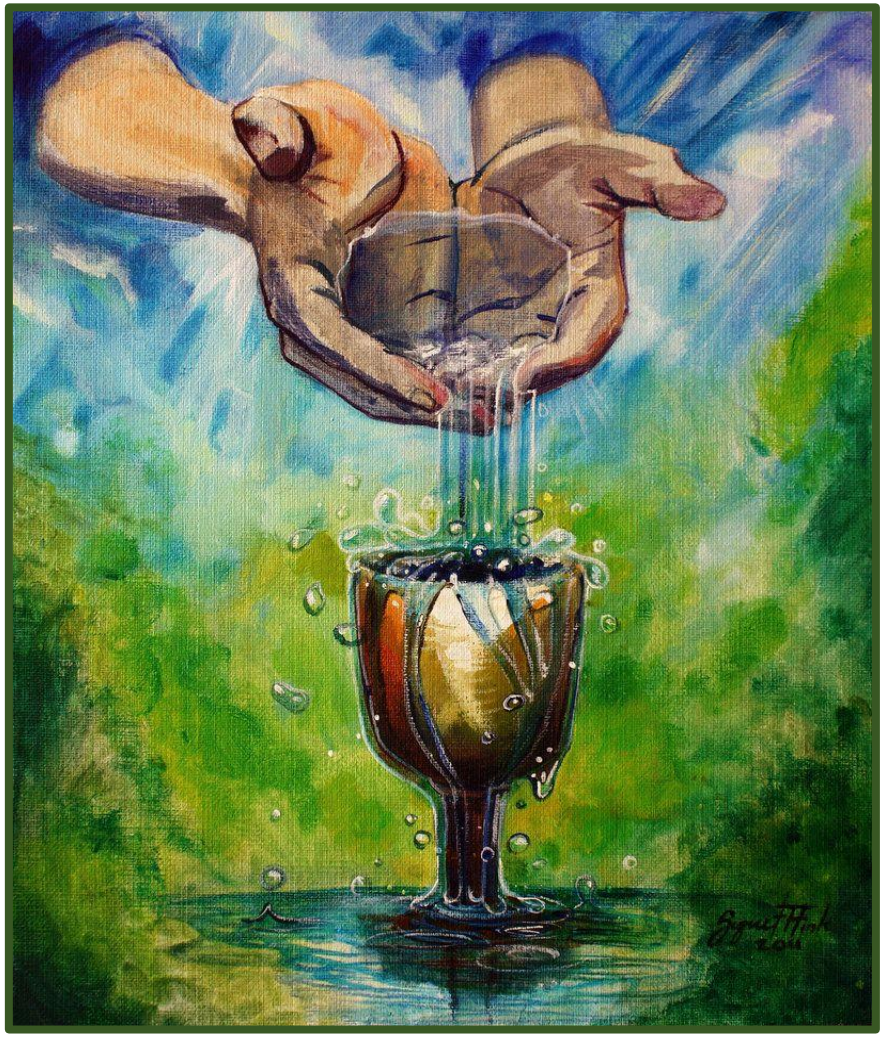
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil.

My cup runs over.



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and I will dwell in the house
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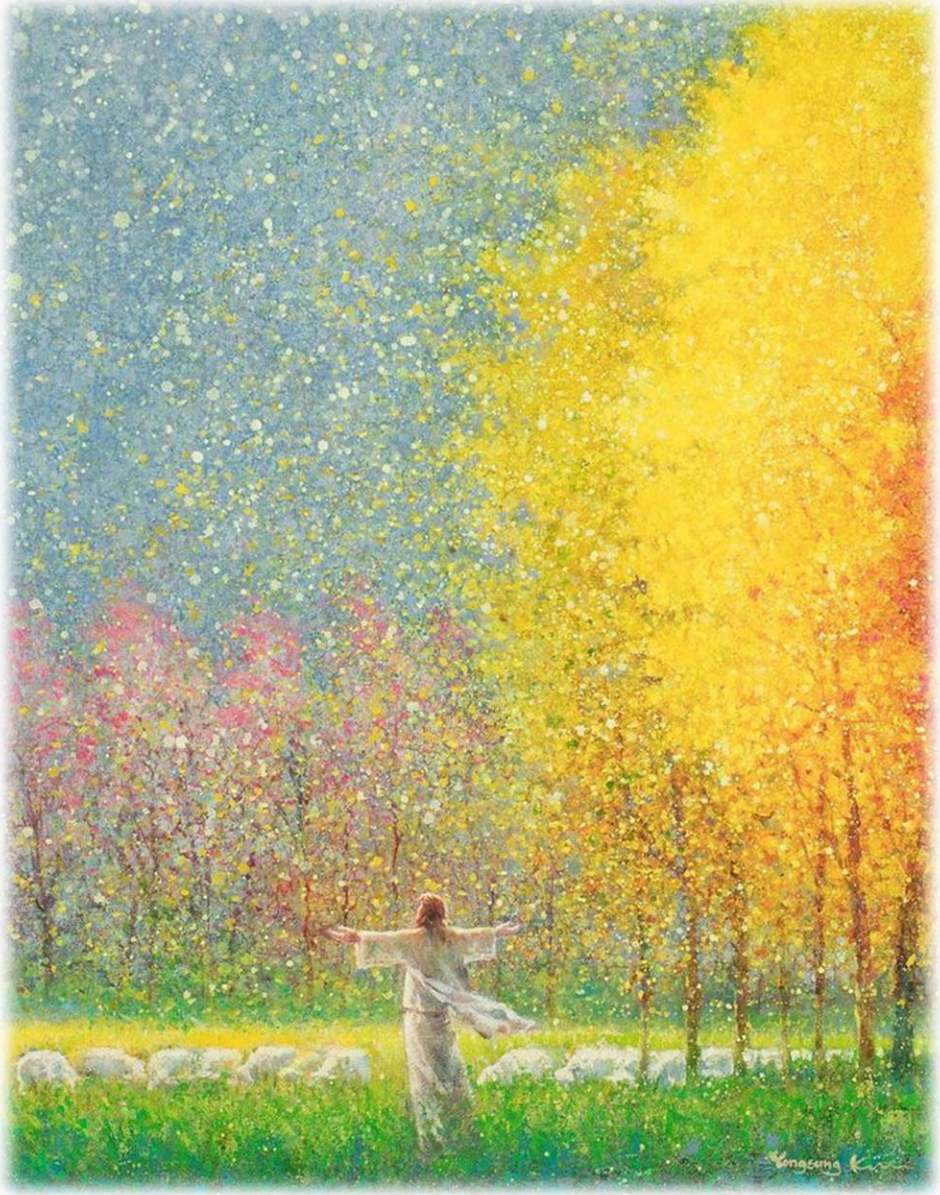

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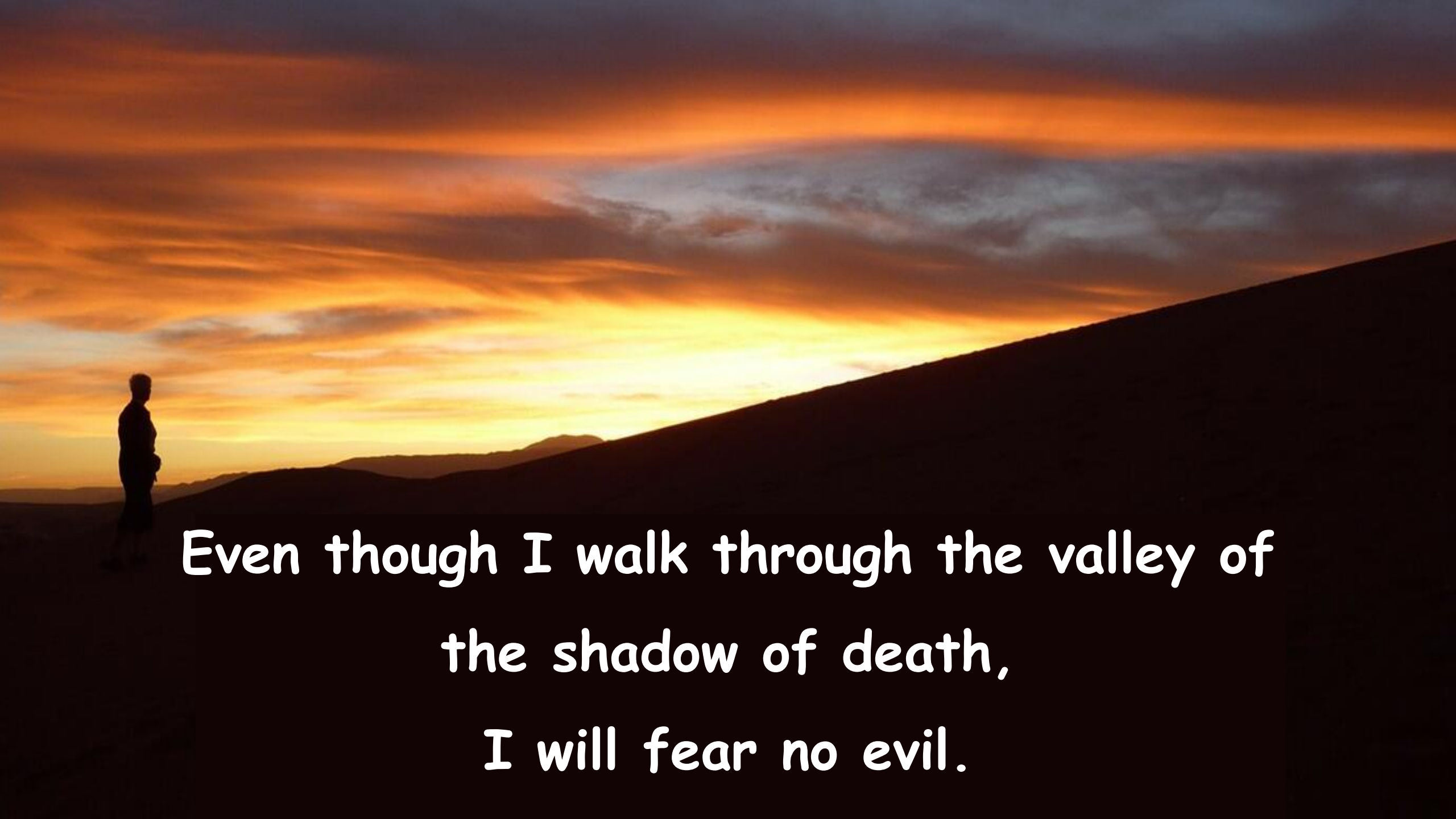
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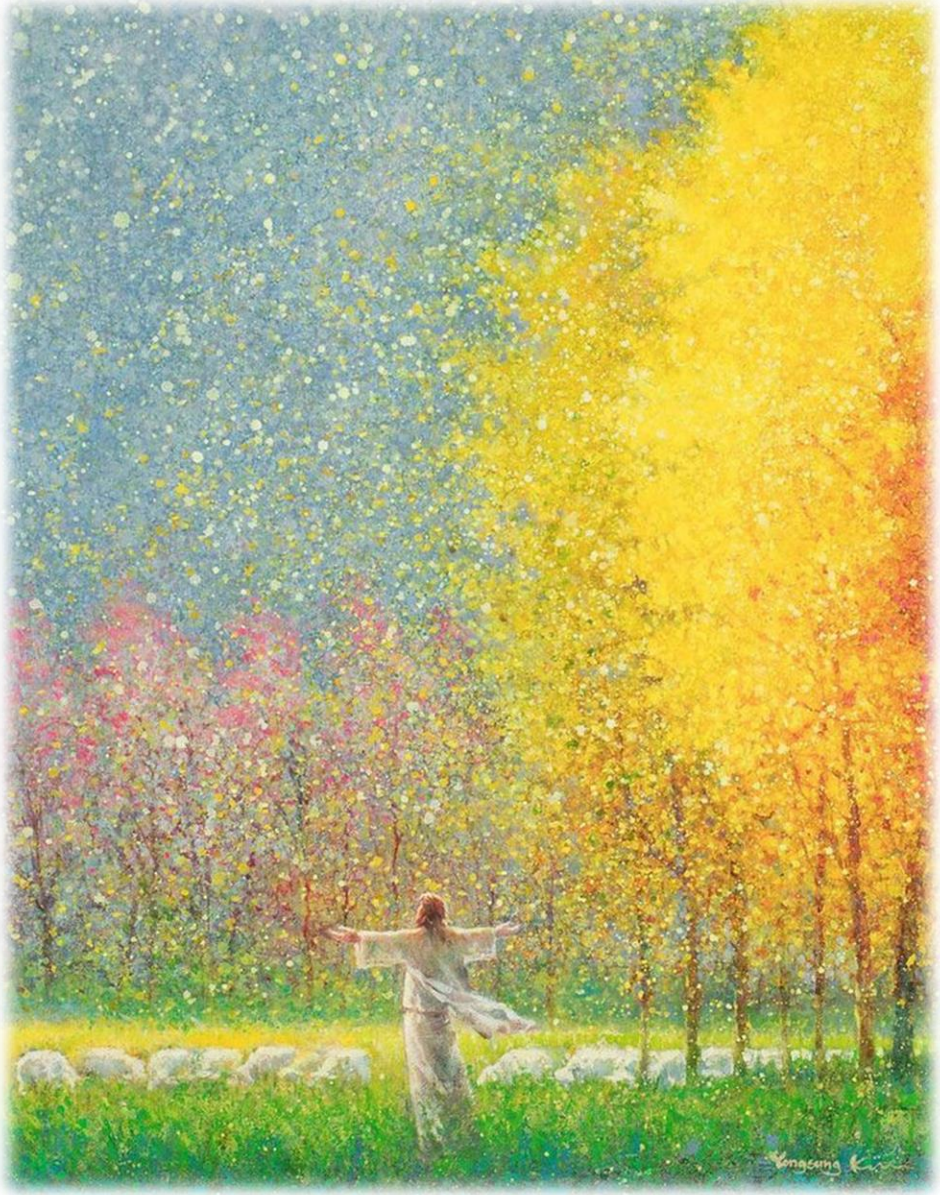

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Unfailing faithfulness:
Yesterday, today, and forever.

John 10: 1-14 (selected verses)

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep…The sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.

I am the gate for the sheep….

Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture….I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

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Reflection- Let My Life Be Worship

This moment is holy and I hear You calling
I turn my face towards You;
my heart is open
You're always pursuing
and my life's surrendered
You have my affection.

In blessing, in sorrow, in the ordinary
Whatever the cost is, You're always worthy
My heart's cry and my whole life
is for Your glory
You have my attention.

So let my life be worship
And let my heart stay true
May my love never grow cold
May it burn forevermore
May my life be worship to You.

Community Prayer

Dear Lord,

You are our Good Shepherd. We need not fear, for you are always, forever with us, guiding us to good pastures. When times are hard and we lose our way, remind us that we are indeed your beloved sheep and you are our Good Shepherd.

Lord, help us to follow. Help us be wise sheep who know You are our shepherd, who recognize when You call. ***Amen***

Offering

We give thanks for this wonderful,
generous community of faith.

Doxology - UM Hymnal 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!

Communion
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Holy Communion

All are welcome to this, Christ's table, as we come together as one holy family. In this sacred space, let us look to Christ, our Good Shepherd, as we open our hearts and minds to Him.

Prayer of Confession & Declaration of Forgiveness

Our heavenly Father, You know how often we stumble.

We don't come to this table trusting in ourselves;

but instead, trusting in You and Your unfailing mercy.

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, which proves

His love and grace. We are a forgiven people. ***Amen***

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you;

People: ***and also with you.***

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Pastor: It is a good and joyful thing to always give thanks to you. Even when we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. And so we praise Your Holy name.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might,
God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes
Blessed is the one who comes

In the name of the Lord.
In the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took the bread,

gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, he gave thanks to You, gave it to his disciples, and said, "*Drink from this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as your drink it, in remembrance of me.*"

… And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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Photo by James Gardner

All honor and glory is yours,

almighty God, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

Blessing of the Elements

Loving and eternal God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the entire world, until Christ comes in final victory. ***Amen***

Breaking of the Bread

Lifting of the Cup

Just as there is one loaf, we who are many are one body.

Just as we all partake of one loaf, the bread which we share

is also a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing of the Blood of Christ.

Partaking of the Elements

Benediction

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