

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

United Church of Christ

July 18, 2021

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering Music #179 “Awesome God”

Welcome and Announcements

*Mary Menzies*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading Jeremiah 23:1-4

One: And God said: Woe to the shepherds  
who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!

**All: This is what God, our God, has to say  
to the shepherds who shepherd our people:**

One: You have scattered my flock; you have driven them away;  
you have not attended to them.

**All: So I will attend to you for what you have done,  
says God, our God, to the shepherds.**

One: I myself will gather the remnant of my flock  
out of all the places where they have been driven,  
and I myself will bring them back to their fold,  
and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

**All: I will raise up shepherds over them  
who will care for them as true shepherds.**

One: They shall not fear any longer,  
or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing.

**All: My shepherds shall lead my people  
in paths of justice and righteousness  
to the everlasting honor of the Holy One, our God.**

\*Hymn: #682 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

the Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

Special Music

We Dedicate our Gifts

\*Doxology

Offering prayer

Scripture Ephesians 2:11-22

\*Hymn “My Shepherd Is the Living God” *(back of bulletin)*

Sermon “by our love”

\*Hymn #429 “They’ll Know We Are Christians” vs. 1-3

\*Benediction

\*Response #429 “They’ll Know We Are Christians” vs. 4

Postlude

*Thank you for joining us for worship today!*

*It is our sincere hope that all who gather in this place will know  
and experience the love, forgiveness, hope, and new life available  
through Jesus Christ.*

*Scriptures for Sunday, July 25: 2 Samuel 11:1-15;  
Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21;  
John 6:1-21.*

## My Shepherd Is the Living God

My Shepherd is the living God, I therefore nothing need;  
in pastures fair, near pleasant streams you settle me to feed.  
You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake your ways,  
and lead me for your mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,  
your presence is my stay;  
a word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be mine abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others come and go—  
no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

### **Coming Next Week!**

*It's almost here!*

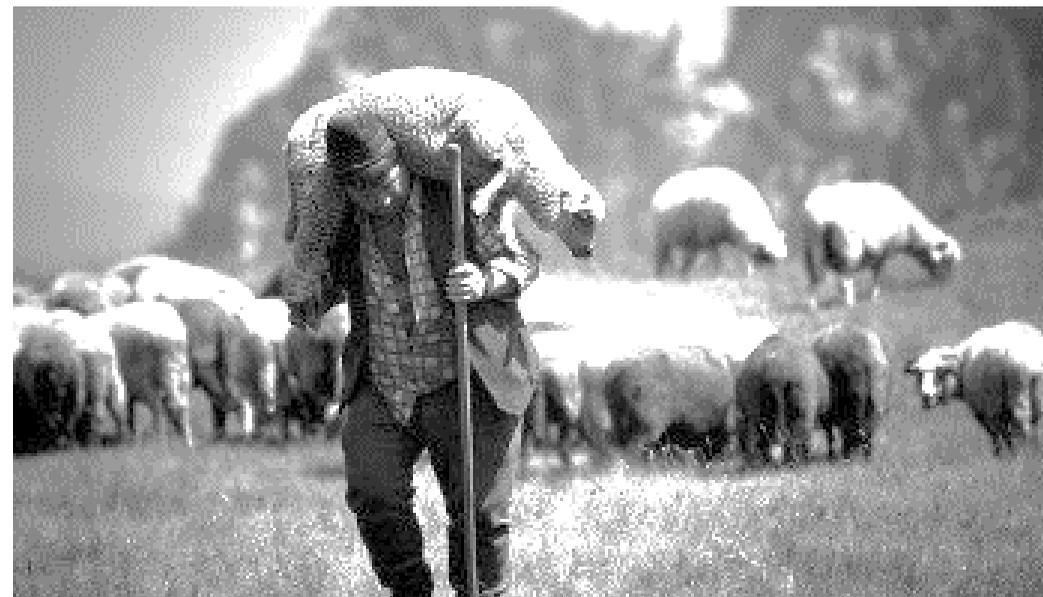
As announced at the Annual Meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>  
you will be now be able to pay online:

**Pledges, Roof Fund, Missions, Food Ministries and/or  
UCC OCWM**

On the church's website home page, you will be redirected to a secure site powered by Vanco Payment Solutions via a link.

There you will see tiles for each of the different ways you can support the church and its missions. More tiles will be added for special offerings throughout the year. You will be able to contribute to more than one fund in one transaction if you wish (it will take you to a "check-out" cart). You have options to set up recurring payments or you can do a one-time donation – it's up to you! You will also have the option to offset transaction fees. This is an optional payment method. It is not mandatory, but hopefully you will find it an easier way to contribute!

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### *Our Mission Statement:*

*As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.*