



Sunday Evening Service September 25, 2011

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

A time of quiet preparation for worship

MEDITATION

It was a marvelous moment of spiritual insight. As the shepherd went about his daily work of tending sheep, and as he reflected on his relationship with God, he suddenly realized that there was a vital connection. The loving care that he gave his sheep was like the loving care he received from his God. So David began his most famous psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd". From there David proceeded to list all the things his shepherd did for him: laying him down in green pastures, leading him beside still waters, restoring his soul, walking with him through death's valley, anointing his head with soothing oil, and filling his cup with overflowing joy. ~Philip Graham Ryken

" 'For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak. ~Ezekiel 34:11-16

NOTES

***GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP**

Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one. Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Psalm 28:6-9

***GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (#184)

PASTORAL PRAYER

***GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

Shepherd of Tender Youth (#160)

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

Luke 15:1-7

"The Humble Shepherd"

Associate Pastor, Mike Windish

***GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (#457)

***BENEDICTION**

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