

**CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Worship Service – July 18, 2021**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings  
8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Ordinary Time  
Year B

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer\***

Even here, and even now, Lord, fill our weakness with your strength; bind up our brokenness with your unity; calm our fears and our dread of dying with your peace. Let us be about the tasks of your love. As we gather in this place, use us to build holy places where healing and caring and joy blend in the tones of worship to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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**Call to Worship**

adapted from Psalm 23:1, 5 and **Mark 6:38, 41**

“The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.”

**Jesus asks of us, how much do we have?**

“The LORD prepares a table before me...and my cup overflows.”

**Taking what we have, Jesus blesses it, and breaks it, and give it to us that we may also give.**

Let us offer the Lord ourselves through our worship, trusting that Jesus blesses it.

**Hymn**

*Lead Me, Guide Me*  
Glory to God Hymnal, # 740

**Confession\***

Ephesians 2:11-12

*“So then remember that at one time...you were...without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promises, having no hope and without God in the world.”*

**We love you, O Lord, with our prayers and our songs – forgive us when we do not love you with our actions. You have called us to tend your sheep: to care for your people around the world, to share what we have, and to reflect your love.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, when our love for you is shallow, when our love for our neighbors is empty, and when even our love for ourselves is hard to find. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short, and by your forgiveness, free us to try again.**

*(personal confession)*

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**Assurance and Passing of the Peace**

Ephesians 2:13-14

*“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace...”*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Scripture**Mark 6:30-44**Sermon***Blessed, Broken, and Given***Hymn***Like A Shepherd***Affirmation of Faith**Apostles' Creed  
(ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creation of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Offering and Doxology**

Mark 6:42

*“...and all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.”*

Our God is a God of abundance. We are called to live, not in the fear of scarcity, but to live into the promise of God's abundance and abundant life. Let us do just that, by giving of our time, our talents, and our tithes.

**Prayer of Dedication\***

God of green pastures and still waters, bless these gifts that we have been given that they may become part of your banquet for the world. Amen.

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**Announcements****Prayers of the People\***

O God, merciful and just; O God, kind and compassionate; O God, forever faithful for your own name's sake: we pray for the world Christ came to save; we pray for the kingdom you are bringing through Christ. Bless the church, the body of Christ, with the power of the Holy Spirit, so that our strength is renewed like the eagle's. Then send us out to proclaim the good news that in Jesus Christ there is newness of life.

We pray for all who are weary from hard labor, especially for those who are not fairly paid, for those who work in dangerous places, for those trapped in slavery. Break yokes of oppression and bonds of bitterness.

We pray for all who serve on behalf of others, especially for those who care for the sick, elderly, and dying; for those who fight fires, enforce just laws, serve in the military; for those who hold public office. Build up all people in peace and freedom. We pray for ourselves, that we will be faithful, especially in times of temptation; that our diseases will be healed, and our dis-ease with the world as it is would prompt us, so we have strength to serve others; that our love for one another and you grow ever deeper. Make us into a holy temple in the Lord; build us spiritually into a dwelling place for God—into your kingdom.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who taught us to say together,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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## **Hymn**

*Today We Are Called to Be Disciples*  
Glory to God Hymnal, #757

## **Charge\* and Benediction**

Seek out your neighbor in love. If it is within your power, be reconciled to your enemies. Hunger and thirst for the rule of Christ Jesus and let him dwell in your minds and hearts.

The love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit is with you, now and forevermore. Amen.

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## **Postlude**