ORDER OF SERVICE: STANDREWS 21 July 2024



REST AWHILE

Welcome and Notices

Call to worship

We bring our tiredness and lay it down.

We bring our hurts and lay them down.

We bring our hopes and offer them up to you, Jesus the good shepherd,

for you will restore, comfort, lead and guide us, today and always.

SONG:

1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here; Come bow before him now with reverence and fear: In him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here. 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire; with splendour he is crowned: How awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace - No work too hard for him. In faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

PRAYER

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INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME

SONG

1 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want

He makes me lie in pastures green He leads me by the still, still waters His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home.

2 He guides my ways in righteousness And He anoints my head with oil And my cup, it overflows with joy I feast on His pure delights.

3 And though I walk the darkest path I will not fear the evil one For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

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Reading: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

In this we listen for the word for us today

Thanks be to God

REFLECTION

RECORDED SONG: SHADE TREE PLACE (John Coleman)

Resting Silence

SONG: TiS 598 Dear Father, Lord of humankind

1 Dear Father, Lord of humankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind: in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee.

3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm.

OFFERING THANKSGIVING PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Amen

SONG: TIS 585 I heard the voice of Jesus say

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.' I came to Jesus as I was, so weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.' I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live.' I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

SENDING OUT PRAYER

Walk with others when they are weary,
be still with those who need rest,
and be strong in the knowledge that you are cherished,
empowered and cared for by Jesus the good shepherd,
today and always.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

[You are invited to light a candle as you leave the sanctuary.]