Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portage, Michigan
ORDER OF WORSHIP ~ Third Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2020

PRELUDE
WELCOME
MUSIC FOR PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

INTROIT “Gentle Shepherd” #102 (Hearts)

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day.
There’s no other we can turn to who can help us to face another day.
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.

CALL TO WORSHIP
We gather to worship God, whose grace is poured out on us every day,
Who leads us beside still waters,
Who desires righteousness and justice to roll down like ever-flowing streams,
Who gives rain to water the earth,
Who makes that rain fall on the just and unjust alike,
Who claims us in the water of baptism and sustains us with the living water of Christ’s presence.
With grateful hearts we praise the God who revives our thirsty souls again and again.

HYMN “I Danced in the Morning” #302 (Hymnal)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He
And I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said He.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; They came with me and the dance went on.
(refrain)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And left me there on a cross to die.
(refrain)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It’s hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I’d gone: But I am the dance and I still go on. (refrain)

They cut me down and I leap up high
I am the life that will never, never die;
I’ll live in you if you’ll live in Me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. (refrain)

PRAYER
God of love and justice, we come to this time to offer our thanks and praise, and to proclaim your goodness and mercy. Meet us wherever we are. Breathe your Word into our souls; engrave your covenant of love upon our hearts. Teach us faithfulness and compassion so that our lives may reflect your love and justice. Amen.
PSALM 23

“Psalm for These Days”

Pastor Janet

HYMN

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, All My Need” #175 (Hymnal)

The Lord’s my Shepherd, all my need will surely be supplied; By quiet streams and through green fields the Lord will be my guide.

The Lord revives me, guides my feet on pathways that are right. And I shall fear no evil though I walk through darkest night.

Your rod and staff, they comfort me; In presence of my foes. You feed me; you anoint my head and my cup overflows.

Your goodness and your mercy, Lord, shall surely follow me, And I will dwell in God’s own house for all eternity.

PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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

SONG

“My Life Is in You, Lord” #2032 (Hearts)

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord; My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it’s in you. (repeat)

I will praise you with all of my life, I will praise you with all of my strength; With all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in you.

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord; My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it’s in you.

AFFIRMATION

In the darkest valley,
at the banquet table,
in the hard work of life,
at the moments of ease;
in our day-to-day routines,
at times set aside
- as this time has been –
for worship, for listening, for paying attention;
with every step we take:
goodness and mercy follow us;
every day,
our cups overflow.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE