

Central United Church

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Sunday October 15th 2023
Twentieth after Pentecost

We gather....

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "I Sing The Mighty Power of God"

Passing of the Peace:

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you

Response: **And also with you**

PSALM 23 (Responsive)

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;*
**you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,*
**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.**

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive.

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering and Offertory

We hear....

Scripture Lesson: *(Page 2 OT)*

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-15, 22-24

Epistle Lesson: *(Page 198 NT)*

Philippians 4:1-9

Hymn: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Gospel Lesson: *(Page 24 NT)*

Matthew 22:1-14

Message: **Genesis: beginnings**

We respond.....

Hymn: "O Jesus, Joy Of Loving Hearts"

Pastoral Prayers

Commissioning and Blessing

Next Week's Bible Readings

*We invite you to read the scriptures in preparation
for next Sunday, Twenty-first after Pentecost:*

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22