

**David's UCC on July 18, 2021**  
**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Online Worship Bulletin**



Gathering Music – *Tim Williams and Lyn Morton*

Welcome – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Call to Worship – *Rev. Michelle Wilkey*

One: We have been called here to face into God's gracious way of living. We are to leave the past behind us and walk into these new days of our common ministry.

**Many: Sometimes we'd rather remember how things used to be. Sometimes we are afraid to stick our necks out by saying we're disciples.**

One: But this is a new day, and Christ is sharing freedom with us. It is a day to put aside all fear, to set doubting aside, and to take courage in God's loving call.

**Many: We will look to the new day, and we will set ourselves on the Jerusalem road. We will strive for faithfulness, even at the cost of popularity, and we will be disciples of Christ, renewing and healing the world around us.**

Invocation –

Children's Moment – *Tim Williams*

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Special Music –

"Here I Am To Worship" Tim Hughes, arr. Larry Shackley

Canticle: Psalm 23 (adapted from The Message)

One: God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.

**Many: You have bedded us down in lush meadows, you find us quiet pools to drink from.**

One: True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

**Many: Even though the way goes through Death Valley,**

One: We are not afraid when you walk at our side.

**Many: Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.**

One: You serve me a six-course dinner right in the company of my enemies.

**Many: You revive our drooping heads; our cups brim with blessing.**

One: Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.

**Many: We're back home in the house of God for the rest of our lives.**

Call to Confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession – **O Holy God, we confess our lack of love. We do not love ourselves nor our neighbors unreservedly. We pass by suffering and misfortune because of fear or busyness or preoccupation. We hold prejudices against people as deep as those against the Samaritans. Heal our pains, amend our faults, and guide us into dangerous compassion, for we pray in the name of Jesus, our most beloved neighbor, who cared for us even to the cross. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon –

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer –

Hymn – "Near to the Heart of God" verse 1

(Tim and Lyn will play while you sing, together, at home.)

- 1. There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;  
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.  
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.**

Scripture –

Hebrew – 2 Samuel 7: 8 – 14a

Epistle – Ephesians 2: 11 – 22

Gospel – Mark 6: 30 – 34, 53 – 56

Sermon – "A Church Not Built With Human Hands"

Hymn – "Near to the Heart of God" (cont. verses 2 & 3)

- 2. There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;  
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.  
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.**
- 3. There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God;  
A place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.  
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.**

Benediction/fare thee well until next time –

Closing Music – "How Majestic is Your Name" Michael W. Smith, arr. Lani Smith

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