

"The Other Side of the Curtain"

Revelation 7:9-17

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THORNDALE United Methodist Church

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All Are Welcome!

"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 darkest valley, 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 my whole life long."

Psalm 23

+ Please stand as you are able.

WELCOME/INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRELUDE I Am Bound for the Promised Land Hu

Hugh Livingston, Jr.

GREETING

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Let us worship and praise God.

People: The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.

Leader: Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

People: Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.

Leader: Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

People: Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffer-

ing and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.

Leader: Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

People: And we will dwell in God's house forever. AMEN.

+OPENING PRAYER

Faithful Redeemer, you are the beginning and ending of all things. You promise to wipe away every tear, that death and mourning will be no more. You make your home among us, and abide with us as our God. Teach us to live as the saints you call us to be, that we may truly be your people, living and doing your will, in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

HYMN For All the Saints (vv. 1,2,4,6) Hymnal #711

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pat Moore

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY
Worthy of It All

Tim Eaton

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Before you, O God, we offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. We lay our gifts before you in praise and thanksgiving for your many

blessings. May these offerings continue the transforming work of your Spirit in and through our congregation. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "The Other Side of the Curtain" Pastor Shauna

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE with CANDLELIGHTING

Leader: We remember these saints in our prayers today,

People: And we give thanks for their lives.

Leader: We remember them and find strength in their faith,

And in the faith of all the saints both known to

People: And in the faith of all the saints both known to us

and known only to God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: We will light candles this morning as an act of remembrance for each of

the saints we've lost this year. As we remember those who have gone on before us, and as we celebrate God's promise of everlasting life for

those who keep the faith, let us pray together.

People: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the witness of your servants

whom we remember before you this day. They have fought the good fight, they have run the race, they have kept the faith. We commend these saints to your care, remembering that you are the resurrection and the life. Help us to be faithful, as they have been

faithful, help us to bear witness as they have born witness, and may we be numbered among those in your eternal kingdom.

Amen.

Kenneth Bell Donald Cooper Joseph Crossan Charlotte Leslie James Leslie David Rambo Roger Reed Virginia Schaeffer

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above Hymnal #709

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE For All the Saints Barbara Boertje

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

PASTOR Rev. Shauna K. Ridge WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS Lawrence Rappoldt MUSIC Tim Eaton DOOR GREETER **Dave Davis** CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pat Moore Pat Moore TEMP TAKER LITURGIST John Lafferty ATTENDANCE Kris Wade **TECH TEAM** Josh Dwyer USHER 1 Wayne Barrows Terry Moore USHER 2 Cyndy Weiner Bill LaBriola Hannah Smith FLOATER

Jamie Ridge

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mary Jane Hipple.