

***Welcome To Worship***  
Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church  
April 21, 2024 ~ 9:30 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Randy Loy

CALL TO WORSHIP: Randy Loy

Jesus is our Shepherd, he will never leave us.

**He has even offered up his life as a sacrifice to save ours.**

We are blessed to be part of his flock that he loves and adores.

**Let us welcome others to Christ's family that they too may know his caring love.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Randy Loy

\*HYMN:

"Gather Us In"

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Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

PUBLIC READING OF THE SCRIPTURE: Linda Jenkins

**John 21: 15-17 NRSV**

**Jesus and Peter**

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: “ Shepherds, Sheep, and Flocks, Oh My” Todd Humphrey

ANTHEM: “Lord’s Prayer” Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Todd Humphrey

\*OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY PRAISE Hymnal 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Randy Loy

**Lord Jesus, today we return to you a portion of the many blessings which you have given us. An offering from this local gathering of believers to help continue your work here on earth. Help us to use that which has just been collected in the most efficient way and for your greatest glory. This we ask in your precious name. Amen.**

HYMN: “The Lord Is My Shepherd” Hymnal 136

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e’en for his own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;

for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be

**BENEDICTION:** Todd Humphrey