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Sheep May Safely Graze - arr. Jack Schrader
Shepherd of Souls - James Montgomery
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| Prelude | Sheep May Safely Graze - arr. Jack Schrader | Dot Bowe |
| Greeting and Announcements | | Rev. Reebee Girash |
| Call to Worship | | Don and Claire Moir |
| One: Beloved, God offers us a future with hope! | | |
| All: We call upon God, and God hears us. | | |
| One: We search for God, and we find her. | | |
| All: God offers us a future with hope! | | |

Opening Prayer

Don and Claire Moir

God of the wilderness,

You call your people to prayer and praise in many ways.

This day, bring us together just as you called the people of Israel to gather manna in the desert to eat and sustain life.

God of hope, give us this day our daily bread.

Offer us the nutrients we need to remain connected to you.

**As spiritual beings, we desire to receive food that endures—
faith, hope, and love.**

God of grace, give us this day our daily bread.

All life is created and nourished by you!

**May we grow into new circles of understanding and being,
reflecting the ways in which we have been touched by your holy manna.**

Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Don and Claire Moir

Our Father (Creator), 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.

Rhythm Moment

Dot Bowe

The Peace

Don and Claire Moir

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:2-16, 31-32

Don and Claire Moir

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

³The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from

heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.’ ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, ‘In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?’ ⁸And Moses said, ‘When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.’ ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.”’ ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.”’

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the Lord has commanded: “Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.” ’

³¹The house of Israel called it manna; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. ³²Moses said, ‘This is what the Lord has commanded: “Let an omer of it be kept throughout your generations, in order that they may see the food with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.” ’

One: Here ends the reading. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Testimony

Stewardship Prayer

God of the journey,

Over and over, we become scattered and separated. Over and over, like a good shepherd, you find us and bring us home. For all the togetherness you've granted us at Pilgrim Church, thank you. For the gift of faith that gets us through times of separation, thank you. For music and prayer, for technology that bridges distance, for care packages and the pumpkin patch, for daily prayers, Sunday School and Bible Study, for mission partnerships and for the voices of friends, for all this and more, thank you. In your generosity and grace, O God, grant us the wisdom to see that our giving can help to make our separations easier, and our homecomings even more joyful. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Reebee Girash

Offertory

Dot Bowe

Doxology

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Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Reebee Girash

**O God,
from your providing hand we
receive what we need for our lives.
Teach us your ways of justice
and lead us to practice your generosity,
so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel
make known through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Hymn Go, My Children, with My Blessing - NCH#82

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.

1 Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.

2 Go, my children, with my blessing, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by service, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here with tender comfort stilled you;
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here with ten - der com - fort stilled you;

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.

Benediction

Rev. Reebee Girash

Postlude

Processional in C - Hal Hopson

Dot Bowe

Thank you to **Duncan Todd**, today's Zoom host.

Source Notes: The Call to Worship draws on the imagery of our Stewardship Theme text, Jeremiah 29:10-14. The Opening Prayer is by Rev. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi. The prayer of dedication is from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers. The Stewardship Prayer is adapted from the Salt Project.

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