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Teach Us To Pray

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PSALM 23

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 paths of righteousness 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
for ever.

GOSPEL Luke 11:1-4

SERMON Teach Us To Pray
Christina Braudaway-Bauman

HYMN My Shepherd Is the Living God



1 My shep-herd is the liv - ing God, I there-fore noth-ing need;
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

Am G C F G Am G7 C G C



In pas - tures fair, near pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed.
A word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

C F C Dm G C Am Dm Am FM7



You bring my wan-dering spir - it back when I for-sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers come and go—

Em C Am Dm Am Em C G7 C



And lead me for your mer - cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
My cup with bless-ings o - ver-flows, your oil a - noints my head.
No more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung responsively)

Our Father, in heaven, holy is your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom and the power and glory are yours forever.

Forever and ever. Our Father, in heaven, holy is your name.

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY LIFE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we commit and commend ourselves and all our gifts to you.

Be the goal of our pilgrimage and our rest along the way.

Let our souls find refuge in your green pastures.

Let our voices sing of your goodness and mercy.

Let our hearts find their place in your eternal home. Amen.



1 God is my shep-herd, I'll not want, I feed in pas-tures green.
2 Re - stored to life each morn-ing new, I rise up from the dust
3 When I must pass through shad-owed vale, where loss and death a - wait,
4 No en - e - my can o - ver - come, no power on earth de - feat
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my days will sure - ly fol - low me;



God grants me rest and bids me drink from wa - ters calm and clean.
to fol - low God whose pres - ence gives me con - fi - dence and trust.
I will not fear for God is there, my shep-herd strong and great,
the ones a - noint-ed by God's grace and fed with man - na sweet.
and where God reigns in heaven and earth, my dwell-ing place will be.



Through dai - ly tasks, I'm blessed and led by One I have not seen.
I praise the name of God to - day; in God I put my trust.
Whose rod and staff will com - fort me and all my fears a - bate.
My cup is filled and o - ver-flows as I my Sav - ior greet.
My shep-herd bless - es, cares, and leads through all e - ter - ni - ty.

BENEDICTION

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOURS

Step into Zoom on your computer or tablet to greet First Congregational Friends on line and see each other face to face before or after worship. See our website www.firstcong.net for Zoom links.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR COVID-19 RELIEF

For the next 4 weeks, our church will receive a special offering to serve those in our wider community most vulnerable to the financial, social, and mental health effects of the Coronavirus. At that time, our Board of Missions & Christian Social Action will assess community needs and direct these funds to where they can do the most good.

Contribute online at www.firstcong.net, and select Benevolence-Missions from the dropdown and put **COVID RELIEF** in Memo.

Or contribute by *Text-to-Give* by *texting to 73256 with the message joy2givefcc*. You will be prompted to click on a link to complete your donation information. From there, select Benevolence-Missions from the dropdown and put **COVID RELIEF** in Memo.

You may also write a check to the church with **COVID RELIEF** in the memo.

CONVERSATION ON COVID-19 WITH OUR CHURCH'S HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS | TODAY, 5 PM ON ZOOM

Join Dr. Amy Duckro, Infectious Diseases Specialist at Kaiser Permanente, Kelly McDevitt, Nursing Director with UC Health, Sarah Hess, Family Health and Emergency Nurse, and Dr. Jean Abbott, Emergency Medicine Physician who teaches medical ethics, for a conversation on the latest news as we seek to offer our support for health care workers and for those who are suffering. Join on Zoom, link in Weekly email. This meeting will be recorded to post on the church's website afterwards.

VIRTUAL HYMN SING WITH KAJSA | MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 9 AM

How Can I Keep from Singing? Join us on the church Facebook page for a live hymn sing on Monday and Wednesday. Three hymns each day. Click here for Monday's hymns and here for Wednesday's hymns. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to join this choir and make a joyful noise from home!

LET'S GET TOGETHER TO PREPARE (VIRTUALLY) FOR A VERY SPECIAL PALM PARADE

We invite you to send us a photo of you and your family waving your indigenous "palm" branches. These can be anything found in your yard or nearby park. Pine/spruce boughs, tulips, iris, the tall uncut decorative grasses from last fall, your construction paper or colored palms—be creative! Send your pictures to christopher@firstcong.net and we will create our online parade for Palm Sunday (next Sunday, April 5). Please send your photos by Friday April 3.

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE | WEDNESDAY 4/1, AT 7 PM

Often called "Vespers," which means evening or "Compline," for completion, this brief service is for those longing for peace at the end of the day. A distinctive feature of traditional Vespers is a thanksgiving for light. As the day closes and darkness gathers, we will give thanks for the light of Christ, a light that even death could not extinguish. Join us for prayer on the church's Facebook page.

POETRY SHARE AND CONVERSATION | FRIDAYS AT NOON

Join poets Rev. Pedro Silva and Diana Shellenberger for a virtual poetry reading and discussion on Fridays at noon. The first topic is The Power of a Common Dream, inspired by Adrienne Rich's book The Dream of a Common Language. We will use her poem, "Phantasia for Elvira Shatayev," as a starting point. Participants are welcome to join the discussion and read a poem of their choice. See the Weekly email for Zoom link.

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