

Christ's Reformed Church – United Church of Christ

~ growing people of faith who live in Jesus, love one another and bear abundant fruit ~



**THE LORD IS MY
SHEPHERD;
I SHALL NOT WANT.**

Psalm 23:1

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 22, 2018

If we think of others at all,
it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us.
We treat Your glorious creation as plunder,
to be used and destroyed for private gain.

Christ have mercy.

We have failed to show your love
or to do justice in obedience to you.
Have mercy on us, God of grace.
Forgive our sins, we humbly pray.
Put the mind of Christ within us,
so that our lives take the form of a cross.

Lord have mercy.

Use us to break down walls of hostility
within the church, among the nations, and around the world.
Equip us to do *your* will, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hymns of Commitment”

Charlotte Trout

PASTORAL PRAYER

Ephesians 2

After each petition, “We humbly come before you to ask, **hear our prayer.**”

Silent Petitions

The Lord’s Prayer

~ HEARING GOD’S WORD ~

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 22:13-14; 23:1-6

RESPONSIVE PSALM

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 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.

* SCRIPTURE HYMN	“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”	Black 252
GOSPEL LESSON		John 10:11-16
SERMON	“Good Shepherds, Bad Shepherds, and Hired Hands”	Dr. Hodge

~ RESPONDING AS GOD’S PEOPLE ~

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music “You Raise Me Up” Emily Everett & Charlotte Trout

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

~ GOING IN GOD’S NAME ~

* CLOSING HYMN	“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”	Black 1 & Insert
* COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	“Lord of the Dance”	Shaker Melody