

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

As a Congregational church, Meadowbrook traces its roots to the Pilgrims. We continue to explore our faith as a people free to interpret God's Word according to the dictates of our own conscience and in mutual support and love of one another. Not bound by any one creed or statement of faith, Congregationalists are gathered around a local church covenant in which we promise to serve alongside one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

"Give Us Hearts to Pray" by Michael Shea

Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT

I take, thy cross, O shadow, for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face

*Stand in body or spirit

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Matthew 6:33-34 (in unison)

Bonnie Hyde

Leader: O God, sustain us in the complexity of our humanity

Congregation: **As You sustained David -**

Leader: Playing the harp of youth,

Congregation: **Throwing stones at giant problems,**

Leader: Loving his friends beyond wisdom, dancing worship, mourning children, breaking our hearts in psalms,

All: And longing for warmth in our old bones. Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" #173

*INVOCATION (in unison)

Bonnie Hyde

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you in mind, body, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts to compassion and receive our petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (using Debts and Debtors)

Our Father, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Psalm 48" #629

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23 | Page #501 OT

Bonnie Hyde

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Abide With Me" arr. Sally DeFord

Chancel Choir

A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER

Pastor Sherrye Bailey

CALL FOR THE MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Impromptu No. 2 in A-flat major" by Franz Schubert

Dave Howland

*DOXOLOGY (sing in unison) #563

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:1-5 | Page #103 NT

Pastor Sherrye Bailey

CHORAL RESPONSE:

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word, I put my hope.

MESSAGE

"Called to Be a Shepherd"

Pastor Sherrye Bailey

*SENDING HYMN

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" #433

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Sherrye Bailey

POSTLUDE

"O Love, How Deep" arr. by Michael Helman

Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Danny Reeves and Chancel Choir | **TECHNICIAN:** Moe Elmasry

GREETER: Dave Milligan | **LITURGIST:** Bonnie Hyde

The flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are given by the Hunt and Simino families in loving memory of Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt.

Please join us after worship in Fellowship Hall for a fleece blanket project and soup luncheon sponsored by our Outreach Ministry Team.

We are grateful to have Pastor Sherrye Bailey returning to the pulpit this morning.