

Prelude

Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19:7-10)

ONE: The law of the Lord, is perfect, reviving the soul;

ALL: The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

ONE: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

ALL: The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

ONE: The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;

ALL: The ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

ONE: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

ALL: Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

*Hymn of Praise "Holy, Holy, Holy" Celebration Hymnal # 3

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Holy God, our perfect lawgiver, you are just in your judgements and we praise you. Yet we delight in the assurance that your mercy exceeds your judgment. No words of thanksgiving can be enough. Forgive us, precious Redeemer, we are enamored with the wisdom of the world, with the security of economics, with the strength and power of the wonders that science performs. Yet the wonder and majesty of the cross of your beloved Son makes our works seem pale and shriveled. Lord, bind us, heal us, continue your sacred call to us. In the name of Christ, the crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 23 (NLT)

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-6 (NLT)

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Sermon

"The Good Life"

Rev. Bill Kren

Hymn of Reflection

"Just As I Am"

Celebration Hymnal # 488

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Choral Response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

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.

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn of Going Forth

"Blessed Assurance"

Celebration Hymnal # 572

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Make Us One"
Make us one Lord, make us one
Holy Spirit, make us one
Let our love flow, so the world will know
We are one in you, we are one in you.

*Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

Psalm 23 (NLT)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. ²He lets me rest in green meadows;he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. ⁴Even when I walk through the darkest valley I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. ⁵You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. ⁶Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

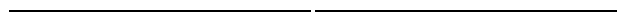
Hebrews 13:1-6 (NLT)

13 Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. ²Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it! ³Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies.

⁴Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery. ⁵Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said,

"I will never fail you.I will never abandon you."

⁶So we can say with confidence, "The LORD is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?"



SERMONNOTES

October 14, 2018
Sermon Title

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
The Good Life - Rev. William Kren
Dearborn Congregational Church

John 10 (NLT)

10 "I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! ²But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice."

⁶Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant,⁷ so he explained it to them: "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me^[a] were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. ⁹Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved.^[b]They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. ¹⁰The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.

1. THE GOOD LIFE – WITH A SAVIOR (John 10:7-9)

2. THE GOOD LIFE = WITH A SECURITY (John 10:9)

3. THE GOOD LIFE – WITH A SIMILARITY (John 10:11)

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