**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CADILLAC**

**REV. KAREN SORDEN**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**“THE OVERFLOWING CUP”**

**PRELUDE**

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE ENTER INTO GOD’S DIVINE PRESENCE**

 **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation in bold)**

The Lord is our Shepherd! We lack nothing.

**The Lord is our Shepherd. God invites us to abundant rest and renewal.**

God renews our lives, spirits, and souls beside quiet waters.

**Our good and great Shepherd leads us in right paths for our good and God’s glory.**

We have nothing to fear through seasons of darkness, struggle, and trial. Our good and great Shepherd is with us.

**The Lord is our Shepherd! God makes our cups overflow and prepares tables for us in our enemies’ presence. God’s presence, goodness, and love are with us forever!**

**\*OPENING HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH 140**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Everlasting Lord, thank you for your abundant grace. May your joy overflow within us today. Jesus, as we spend time in your presence, we ask you that you make our cups overflow with your living waters. Strengthen our spirits and inspire us so that we can experience your abundant life in the midst of our challenges. We have come to refresh our souls with your presence. In the wonderful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (congregation in bold)**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**But, O Lord, we are consumed with wanting more.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

**But, O Lord, other pastures seem greener. The waters aren’t always still.**

**Our souls still thirst.**

He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

**O Lord, we long to be led by you, though we may complain along the path.**

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.

**And yet, O God, we do sometimes fear. May we feel your presence, your comfort, and your forgiveness anew.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at your table. Forgive us and help us to see your overflowing mercy.**

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.

**Forgive us, God, and lead us into your house. Amen.**

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**CHOIR ANTHEM “Lord of the Dance” arr. D. Hart Chancel Choir**

**SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 23**

**SERMON**  **“The Overflowing Cup” Rev. Karen Sorden**

**WE RESPOND IN JOYFUL SERVICE**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” UMH 381**

**MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

 **Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

 **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (see insert)**

 **Breaking the Bread**

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup (*you may bring your offering with you and place in the offering plate)***

**Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH 127**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**WELCOME TO**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**OF CADILLAC**

**April 6, 2025**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

****

**“The Overflowing Cup”**

**Psalm 23**

***Our Mission***

*To Lead Everyone in Relationship with Christ.*

***Our Vision***

*Bringing people to Christ; developing personal*

*growth in Christ; putting Christ into action.*