

**CADILLAC SOUTH COMMUNITY UMC  
SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
“THE OVERFLOWING CUP”**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & 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. Don Hart**

**SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 23**

**SERMON – "The Overflowing Cup"**

**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**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (congregation in bold)**

May the God of still waters be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift your hearts to the One who gives you rest.

**We open ourselves to God, who restores us.**

Join together in glad songs of praise to God.

**We rejoice in the One who is our comfort and hope.**

You prepared a feast of wonder for us, Imagination beyond power, when creation burst forth: green pastures radiant with sunflowers; cool, still pools for rest and renewal; paths formed by antelopes up mountainsides. . . . With all who once lived in the shadows, but now walk in the light of grace, we sing glad thanksgivings to you:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God our Shepherd.**

**All that is good and right and true sings your praises.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who prepares this Table for us.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

You are goodness, God of pastures and pools, and Jesus Christ, your Son, is our mercy. . . . Once we were children of the shadows, but now we are heirs of the Light of Christ, and so we speak of that faith we know as a mystery:

**Christ died, his spirit broken on the cross;**

**Christ was raised, the Spirit of God coming upon him with joy;**

**Christ will come, the Spirit shining upon us.**

Here is the Table prepared for us, God of still waters and deep love, your Spirit transforming the simple gifts of the bread and the cup into that goodness and mercy which is always with us. . . . And when our journeys have ended around the Table prepared for us in glory, we will join our hearts and voices with those from every age and time and forever sing your praises, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

**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.**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**My cup overflows! You are a God of excessive love and you have poured upon me grace beyond measure. Help me now to do the same, that this moment may bear witness to our trust in You. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**