



Alfred Parish Church

Service 6-26-2026 * *Quarterly Healing Circle* * *Good Shepherd Sunday*

*The mission of Alfred Parish Church is to express the
Love of God through our compassion for and forgiveness
of one another in the Church family, the community and the world.*

Pastored by Rev. Mabel Laird

Music Led by Eric Klaxton

Sunday School Led by Nancy Sobanik

Off camera pews are marked Reserved.

Please silence phones before Service starts. Thank you.



Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call To Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 23*)

One: The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us enter with thanksgiving and praise!

Many: The Shepherd restores our souls, satisfies our needs, and leads us on the right path.

One: The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us live with courage and conviction not fear and timidity.

Many: Through valleys and storms, chaos and confusion, threats and concerns, the Shepherd comforts us with power and strength, love and compassion, hope and peace.

One: The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us worship in the presence of the Holy One!

Many: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all our days of my life. Let us dwell in God's presence forever!

Opening Prayer

God who is Shepherd, Gate, and Way, we join together as a community in your presence and in your protection. Shield us from apathy and isolation. Nudge us toward justice and

righteousness in your name. May we be transformed by your love, strengthened in grace, and rooted in faith. Amen.

Anthem

(Children Are Invited to Sunday School)

Offering

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that Love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

Blessing the Gifts

Hymn #294 There's A Spirit in the Air

Scripture: John 10:1-10 (*Common English Bible*)

I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they don't know the stranger's voice." Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying. So Jesus spoke again, "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest. I am the good shepherd.

Prayers of the People, Quarterly Healing Circle

Scripture: Acts 2: 38-47 (*Common English Bible*)

When Peter replied, "Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away—as many as the Lord our God invites." With many other words he testified to them and encouraged them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Those who accepted Peter's message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day. The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

Message

Hymn #43 Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

Benediction

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Postlude

**YOU are a gift to this church. No matter who you are
Or where you are in your life's journey You are welcome HERE.**

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