



Winchester UMC

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8th Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 23

Restoring Our Souls



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WINCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*A Lighthouse of Hope: Reaching, Sharing, Teaching,
Caring: United to Reflect God's Love to All!*

Gathering

Prelude & Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome & Connection

Centering Words

"He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over."
— Psalm 23:3b-5

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Faithful Shepherd, you lead us in paths of righteousness for your name's sake. When we face uncertainty, remind us that you walk beside us. When fear threatens to overwhelm us, fill us with courage through your presence. Open our hearts to hear your Word, strengthen our faith to trust your leading, and prepare us to worship you with joy and thanksgiving. We ask this in the name of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Praise Video *"Still Waters (Psalm 23)"* Leanna Crawford

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Merciful God, we confess that we often wander from the paths you have set before us. We trust our fears more than your promises and our own understanding more than your wisdom. Forgive us when we doubt your guidance and forget that you are always with us. Restore our souls, strengthen our faith, and teach us to walk confidently in your ways. In silence, we confess the ways we have turned aside from your call...

*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Sermon

*Hymn

“He Leadeth Me”

(UMH #128)

Scripture

1 Samuel 17:33-36, 41-47

Sermon

“In the Presence of My Enemies”

Responding to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer and

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.

Offering

*Doxology

(UMH #95)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sending Forth

*Hymn

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead US"

(UMH #381)

*Benediction

Postlude

In Our Prayers

Terry Aossey, Michael Cody, Jade, Grandma Marta, Jackie Barber, Eric Gregory, Lanise Kirk, Jack Kunz, Braylee Littig, Megan Long Little, Pam Lower, Rachel Nations, Michael Ryan, Samara White, Friends in Area Nursing Centers, Friends who are Homebound, Those in the Military: Blake Clayton, Chris Dukett, Haley Westermayer, Christian Wells, and All who are Looking for Work.

Worship Online

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"If you'd like to make an offering electronically, you're welcome to use the QR code provided. Regardless of how you choose to participate today, we're grateful for your presence in worship."