Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters;
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth 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 Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff
they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup
runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS. PSALM 116:15

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PRELUDE **Come Let Us Worship** **Joe Sailers**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though they die, they will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***HYMN** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, You see us as we are and know our innermost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of Your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from You and that to You all life returns. We have not always sought or done Your will. We have not lived as Your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from You, we are nothing. Only Your grace can sustain us. Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of Your salvation, now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S GRACE AND PROMISE

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven.

People: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

READINGS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 16:9
Isaiah 40:29-31

SPECIAL MUSIC *Precious Lord* Larry Ramsey

READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 25:21
Acts 16:31
John 14:1-6

REFLECTIONS

***DOXOLOGY** **PH #606**

***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 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.

***HYMN** *When the Role Is Called Up Yonder*

***BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Farther Along*