#### GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

#### *Matawhero Church – Church Lane*

#### *St Andrew’s Church and Community Centre:*

#### *176 Cobden Street, Gisborne*

#### *14 August 2022 Pentecost 10*

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#### *..He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.* **Ps 23: 2-3a (NIV)**

***We welcome all other visitors to our service this morning….***

***Please sign the Visitors’ Book and make yourself known to the Hosts who stand at the back of the church.***

***In our worship we use inclusive language as much as possible. Sometimes, especially in the hymns, this is not possible. Feel free to insert the language with which you are most comfortable.***

***BOLDED WORDS are for congregational response. Where there is an asterisk \* please stand.***

**Psalm 23**

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements/Concerns of the Church **CFM**

##### Introduction

Entry of Bible and Candle and creating a sacred space **Door people**

Entry of the Bible and Candle

Leader: In the beginning was the Word

# All: and the Word was with God and the Word was God

Leader: He was with God in the Beginning

# All: Through Him all things were made

Leader: In him was life and that life was the light for all people

# All: In the beginning was Wisdom

# Leader: and Wisdom was with God and Wisdom was God.

**All: She was in the beginning with God**

Leader: All things came into being through her.

# All: In her was life and the life was the light for all people

Leader: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it

# All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world

Leader: Wisdom is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of God’s goodness. (Wisdom 7:26)

**All: Praise God who sends us the light of heaven. Amen**

Creating Sacred Space

Leader: The Lord is my Shepherd

**All: The Lord is my Shepherd**

**Reading: Divine Love is my tender guardian. Love is guiding and protecting me; Love looks out for me, watching over me, keeping me safe. There is nothing I can need beyond what Love provides. Love gives me present and eternal completeness.**

**Silence**  and Entry of the Grass symbol **Trish**

Leader:  He makes me lie down in green pastures

**All:         He makes me lie down in green pastures**

**Reading: Love provides a perfect resting place for me: a place of spiritual comfort and peace.**

**Silence and** Entry of the water **Chrissie**

Leader: He leads me beside still waters

**All:        He leads me beside still waters**

Reading: Love guides me to a quiet source to drink in the truth, refreshing me with the hush of Love.

**Silence and** Entry of Staff **Gwenda**

Leader:  Your rod and your staff they comfort me

**All:          Your rod and your staff they comfort me**

Reading: Love’s gentle strength calms and upholds me with its soothing peace.

**Silence and** Entry of oil **Pat**

Leader:  You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows

**All:          You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows**

Reading: Love blesses me with gentle consecration and heavenly inspiration. Love purifies and cleanses my very being

**Silence:**

Hymn: **CH2**#554 Tune *Dismissal* **CH2**#678

**Saviour, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care;**

**in your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare.**

**Blessed Jesus, gentle shepherd, you have saved us, yours we are.**

**We are yours, in mercy tend us, be the guardian of our way;**

**keep from ill, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.**

**Blessed Jesus, gentle shepherd, hear your children when we pray!**

**Early let us seek your favour, early let us do your will;**

**blessed Lord and only saviour, with your love our spirits fill.**

**Blessed Jesus, gentle shepherd, you have loved us, love us still.**

**Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving,** C**hrissie**

Ever Living God – creator and sustainer of the universe, we are gathered here in this special place, this minute corner of that universe, to worship you.

We give thanks for all the beauty, the strength, the wonder of your creation. We stand in awe.

But this morning we give special thanks that you are also the Good Shepherd who knows and loves each one of us – always – the friend for life, for death, and for life beyond death.

We come, a mixed flock of your gathering, some of us gladly, giving thanks for “green pastures, still waters” and a “table” of joy – some of us already venturing the “dark valley” and in need of the “rod and staff” of your comfort and care. Thank you for the many ways and many people through whom that comfort and care are shown.

Today, as we reflect on this much-loved psalm – one for the whole of life – may we all know healing, renewing and the joy of your presence and for the road ahead, energy and courage, and your peace which indeed passes all understanding.

Through Jesus the Good Shepherd who taught us the prayer we now sing:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*(This is sung responsively: the choir sings each line,*

*and then the same line is sung again, by the congregation.)*

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be your Name** X2

**your kingdom come, your will be done,** X2

**on earth as in heaven.** X2

**Give us today our daily bread.** X2

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.** X2

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.** X2

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours** X2

**now and forever.** X2

**Amen** X2

**With the Children** **Grace**

The Lost Sheep from *Stories Jesus Told* by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen

**Echo prayer** – children and congregation repeat each line **Grace**

Loving God

Thank you for loving us..

Just as the Good shepherd loves the sheep.

And for knowing my name

As the Good shepherd knows the names of the sheep.

Thank you that your love surrounds us…

And our families and our church family…

Keep us safe and strong this week.

In Jesus’ name

Amen

Hymn **CH4 16** *Brother James’s Air*

**The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want**

**He makes me down to lie**

**in pastures green: he leadeth me**

**the quiet waters by.**

**he leadeth me, he leadeth me,**

**the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again;**

**and me to walk doth make**

**within the paths of righteousness,**

**even for his own Name's sake.**

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**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,**

**yet will I fear none ill:**

**for thou art with me; and thy rod**

**and staff me comfort still.**

**for thou art with me; and thy rod**

**and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou has furnished**

**in presence of my foes;**

**my head thou dost with oil anoint,**

**and my cup overflows.**

**my head thou dost with oil anoint,**

**and my cup overflows**

**Goodness and mercy all my life**

**shall surely follow me:**

**and in God's house for evermore**

**my dwelling-place shall be**

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Reading*:* 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 *David anointed as King* ***Pat***

Hymn: *Dominus Regit Me* CH4 462

1. **The King of Love my Shepherd is,**

**whose goodness faileth never;**

**I nothing lack if I am his**

**and he is mine for ever.**

1. **Where streams of living water flow**

**my ransomed soul he leadeth,**

**and where the verdant pastures grow**

**with food celestial feedeth.**

1. **Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;**

**but yet in love he sought me,**

**and on his shoulder gently laid,**

**and home rejoicing brought me.**

1. **In death's dark vale I fear no ill,**

**with thee, dear Lord, beside me;**

**thy rod and staff my comfort still,**

**thy cross before to guide me.**

1. **Thou spread'st a table in my sight;**

**thy unction grace bestoweth;**

**and oh, what wonder and delight**

**from thy pure chalice floweth!**

1. **And so through all the length of days**

**thy goodness faileth never;**

**Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise**

**within thy house for ever.**

Reading: The 23rd Psalm for Busy People **Chrissie**

written by [**Walter Bright**](https://walterbright.net/author/waltbrite/)

The Lord is my Pace Setter, I shall not rush,

He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals,

He provides me with images of stillness,

Which restore my serenity.

He leads me in ways of efficiency,

through calmness of mind; and his guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things to carry out each day,

I will not fret, for his presence is here.

His timelessness, his all-importance will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity,

by anointing my head with his oils of tranquility,

My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruit of my hours,

For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord,

and dwell in his house for ever.

Anthem: *Psalm 23* – Howard Goodall

Reading: Psalm 23 –The Lord is My Constant CompanionTrish

, as interpreted by Leslie Brandt in [**Psalms/Now**](http://www.amazon.com/Psalms-Now-Leslie-F-Brandt/dp/0758606486)

The Lord is my constant companion.  
There is no need that He cannot fulfil.

Whether His course for me points to the mountaintops  
of glorious ecstasy or to the valleys of human suffering,  
He is by my side,  
He is ever present with me.

He is close beside me when I tread the dark streets of danger,  
and even when I flirt with death itself,  
He will not leave me.

When the pain is severe,  
He is near to comfort.  
When the burden is heavy,  
He is there to lean upon.

He touches me with eternal joy.

When I feel empty and alone,  
He fills the aching vacuum with His power.

My security is in His promise to be near to me always,  
and in the knowledge that He will never let me go.

Anthem: *He shall feed His flock* from *The Messiah;* GF Händel

Presentation of our tithes and offerings **CFM**

Doxology **\*** (Please Stand and sing) WB44 *Wiltshire* CH4 14iii

**The Lord my shepherd rules my life and gives me all I need.**

**He leads me by refreshing streams; in pastures green I feed.**

**The Lord revives my failing strength, he makes my joy complete;  
 and in right paths, for his name's sake, he guides my faltering feet.**

\*Dedication (Please say together)

**Joy Bringer, your life flows throughout all creation.**

**May we give as freely as you have given.**

**May we live in thankfulness for your life among us.**

**Bless givers with joy and receivers with gratitude**

**so that all will bless your name. Amen**

Prayers of the People **Gwenda**

Leader: The Lord is our Shepherd

**Response: We shall not lack**

Hymn: *Crimond* CH4 14ii

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**my dwelling-place shall be.**

Benediction: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**Blessing and Exit of Bible and Candle** WB44 *Wiltshire* CH4 14iii

**Your goodness and your gracious love pursue me all my days;**

**Your house, O Lord, shall be my home, your name my endless praise**

**POSTLUDE**

#### Ministers: All the people

**Pastor*:*** *Rev Jin Sook Kim* **Readers:** *Wellspring members*

**Director of Music:***Catherine Macdonald* **Organ*:***  *David Russell*

**Readers in order of appearance:** Catherine Macdonald, Trish Groves, Chrissie Parker, Gwenda Crawshaw, Pat Flockhart, Grace Johnstone.

