Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 26, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.

QR Code for Nursery Sign-In and Out Log
Desiree Davis-Omburo

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Chiming the Trinity

Centering Prayer Adam Waxman

Call to Worship—*Psalm 23 by Eugene Petersen* Sarah Bender

1-3 God, my shepherd!
I don't need a thing.
You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.
True to your word,
you let me catch my breath
and send me in the right direction.

4 Even when the way goes through
Death Valley,
I'm not afraid
when you walk at my side.
Your trusty shepherd's crook
makes me feel secure.

5 You serve me a six-course dinner
right in front of my enemies.
You revive my drooping head;
my cup brims with blessing.

6 Your beauty and love chase after me
every day of my life.
I'm back home in the house of God
for the rest of my life.

†***Opening Hymn*** "Gather Us In" **TFWS 2236**

Young Disciples Time Pastor Adam
After young disciples time, the children may proceed to the nursery with volunteers.

†***Hymn*** "How Great is Our God" by Chris Thomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash (PP)

†***Song during the Offering:*** "He Leadeth Me" **UMH 128**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

Doxology
Prayer over the Offering Pastor Adam

Prayer of Illumination Sarah Bender

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from Your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Sarah Bender
Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46 Rev. Claire Clyburne

Sermon Rev. Claire Clyburne

Prayer of Confession Sarah Bender

God of grace and God of glory, You who long to gather all of your sheep into one flock, You who take special notice and concern for the broken, those in pain, the poor whose rights are not honored, the stranger, the sick, and those in prison, we confess that we have not heard Your voice in their cries, because we haven't been paying attention. We allowed and convinced ourselves that we are too busy; too busy to get to know and spend time with our neighbors. Lord, forgive us for our sins. Help our hearts to be in touch with Your heart, help us to take notice and care for those You care for. Direct our attention as a church to those You would like for us to take notice of; renew in us a holy desire for Communion with one another and with our neighbors. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this good news, when we failed to be good neighbors, God in Jesus became our Neighbor who never stops being good to us, never stops loving us, and who offers us grace for a new start—a new start to love our neighbors, especially the least of these brothers and sisters of Jesus. Thanks be to God we are forgiven.

†***Peace of Christ***
At this time, you may stand and offer your neighbor signs of peace.

Liturgy for Holy Communion continues on UMH 15
Receiving Holy Communion

Prayer Following Communion Sarah Bender
Lord, we come before you today with thanksgiving. We are grateful for your love and sacrifice. Your desire to have a relationship with us was so great that you made a way for us to be with You. Thank you for your love for us which surpasses all understanding. Help us to love where we have not. We don't deserve this grace, but you have extended it to us freely. Thank you, Lord. Your willing to be broken for us has made us whole. We ask this food would nourish and renew us to be sent forth as our whole selves to be Your Body in the world. Amen.

†***Closing Hymn*** "Build Your Kingdom Here" (PP)
†***Benediction***
†***Chiming the Trinity***
†***Postlude*** Desiree Davis-Omburo

Sign up to volunteer with the Parktown Food Hub

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"A Shepherd and his Sheep," by Man Fong Wong on pexels.com

Christ the King Sunday