

Season after Pentecost, Year B, Proper 11

(Sunday between July 17 and July 23 inclusive)

Color: Green

Scriptures: [Scripture linked to NRSV at [Oremus Bible Browser](#)]

[2 Samuel 7:1-14a](#) (*God will make David a lasting house*)

[Psalm 89:20-37](#) (*Forever I will keep my steadfast love and covenant*)

[Ephesians 2:11-22](#) (*In Christ, you who were far off have been brought near*)

[Mark 6:30-34, 53-56](#) (*Jesus, the compassionate shepherd*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm:

[Jeremiah 23:1-6](#) (*A righteous shepherd is promised*)

[Psalm 23](#) (*The Lord is my shepherd*)

Themes: God's Dwelling Presence, Reconciliation, Covenant, Unity, Compassion

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to [Hymnary.org](#), a searchable resource with a wealth of information. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts, and the biblical/thematic references suggest the hymn's association with the scriptures or themes of this service.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (<i>EDEN CHURCH; WESTMINSTER ABBEY</i>)	Ephesians
The Church's One Foundation (<i>AURELIA</i>)	2 Samuel, Ephesians
Come Away from Rush and Hurry (<i>BEACH SPRING; PROMISE</i>)	Mark
Gather Us In (<i>GATHER US IN</i>)	2 Samuel, Psalm 89
God, When You Called Our Church by Grace (<i>THE SOLID ROCK</i>)	Ephesians
Hail to the Lord's Anointed (<i>ELLACOMBE; ROCKPORT; SHEFFIELD</i>)	2 Samuel, Psalm 89, Jeremiah
How Firm a Foundation (<i>FOUNDATION</i>)	Psalm 89, Ephesians
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (<i>KINGSFOLD</i>)	Mark
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (<i>ST. THOMAS</i>)	2 Samuel, Ephesians
Let Us Build a House [All Are Welcome] (<i>TWO OAKS</i>)	2 Samuel, Ephesians
O Praise the Gracious Power (<i>MARION</i>)	Ephesians
One Bread, One Body (<i>ONE BREAD, ONE BODY</i>)	Ephesians
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (<i>BRADBURY</i>)	Jeremiah, Psalm 23, Mark
Shepherd Me, O God (<i>SHEPHERD ME</i>)	Jeremiah, Psalm 23, Mark

ANTHEMS

E = Easy, M = Moderate, MD = Moderately Difficult

Alleluia – M 2 Samuel
Gordon Young, quoting *ST. ANNE*
© 1986, H. Flammer, A 6272
SATB, Keyboard

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation – E.....Ephesians
Dale Wood
© 1964, Schmidt, Hall & McCreary, SD 6208
SAB, Organ

Come Build a Church – ME..... 2 Samuel, Ephesians
Ken Medema
© 1995, Hope Publishing, GC 964
SATB, Piano (available in SAB)

Come, Now, O Prince of Peace – EEphesians
Geonyong Lee (*Ososo*)/Jeremy Bankston, arr.
© 2010, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8066-9824-3
SATB, Keyboard, Flute, Percussion, opt. Cong.

Except the Lord Build the House – M 2 Sam., Eph.
Caesar Anthony
© 2007, Oxford University, 9780193953864
SATB, Organ

God's Peace – E Mark
(Come Away From Rush and Hurry)
BEACH SPRING/C.J. Adams, arr.
© 2015, Hope Publishing, C 5987
SAB, Piano (available in SATB)

I Come With Joy – E..... Ephesians, Communion
LAND OF REST/Karen Marrolli, arr.
© 2010, MorningStar Music, 50-8315
SATB, Keyboard

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say – E Mark
KINGSFOLD/Chaz Bowers, arr.
© 2019, Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-5064-6516-6
2-Part (Mixed), Piano

O Savior of the World – E.....Eph., Mark, Communion
John Goss (from *Crucifixion*, 1887)
Various Publishers, CPDL.org #00156
SATB, a cappella (opt. Organ)

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord – MEphesians
Craig Courtney
© 1989, Sacred Music Press, S-462
SATB, Keyboard, opt. Brass or Trumpet

– SMALLER CHOIRS/INTERGENERATIONAL –

Shepherd Me, O God – E.....2 Samuel, Psalm 23
Marty Haugen
© 1986, GIA Publications, G-5402
SAB/2-Part, Keyboard, opt. Guitar

Savior, Like a Shepherd – ME..... Psalm 23
BRADBURY/Jim Ailor, arr.
© 1992, Hinshaw Music, HMC-1218
2-Part (any), Keyboard

What You, My God, Ordain Is Good – E
..... 2 Samuel, Jeremiah, Psalm 89
J.S. Bach/Michael Burkhardt, arr.
© 1988, MorningStar Music, 50-9455
Unison, Keyboard, 2 C-Instruments, opt. Bass

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*I won't be afraid
You are true to your name,
and you lead me
along the right paths.
I may walk through valleys
as dark as death,
but I won't be afraid.
You are with me.*

– from PSALM 23 (CEV)

*There was a man who dwelt
in the east centuries ago,
And now I cannot look
at a sheep or a sparrow,
A lily or a cornfield,
a raven or a sunset,
A vineyard or a mountain,
without thinking of him.*

— G.K. CHESTERTON

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GATHERING PRAYER

Compassionate One,
we hear your call to pause, to come away with you and take a break;
to rest from the work and responsibilities that fill our days.
Our bodies, our minds, our spirits need these moments of rest and renewal.
Gather us in. Draw us near. Refresh us. Renew us.
In these moments of lingering in your embrace,
may we be replenished to follow your way of love in the world. Amen.

— Monica Citty Hix*

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Let us gather as one people,
reconciled and united into one family tree.
Come! Let us retell the stories of our faith,
the rich history of God's faithful promises and covenants.
Come! Let us bring our joys and sorrows, our dreams and disappointments
to the compassionate Shepherd, who is our companion and guide.
Come! Let us offer our praise and gratitude
to the One who invites us to the healing rhythm of sabbath rest.
Come! Let us open our hearts and minds
to receive the gifts the Spirit desires to give us this day.
Come! Let us worship God.

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*Like a shepherd, he will care for his flock,
gathering the lambs in his arms,
Hugging them as he carries them,
leading the nursing ewes to good pasture.*

— ISAIAH 40:11 (*The Message*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(based on Mark 6)

Compassionate Shepherd, ever calling us to follow you into rest,
we confess that we want to bring our work with us.

Open our attentiveness to your Spirit, and restore our weary souls.

Healing Shepherd, ever leading us into the press of need,
we confess that we drag our feet to the paths of service where you walk.

Open our hearts to hear and respond to the needs of your people.

Be to us the balance in life between our thirst for waters of renewal
and the hunger of your people for your love, grace, and mercy.

Be to us the Shepherd in these, your ways. Amen.

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Come alongside us, O God, and tend the softening of our hearts.

Come alongside us, O God, and enlighten our minds.

Come alongside us, O God, and shepherd us in your way.

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BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, carry God's faithful love with you.

May that love strengthen you and guide you

to care for those who are hurting,

to cultivate spaces for healing,

to listen with compassion,

to speak truth to power,

to work for unity,

to love fiercely,

and to live joyfully. Amen.

* Thanks to Monica City Hix for her contributions to today's prayers and liturgies.

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