



June 9, 2021

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

King David's shepherd psalm affirms that the Lord led him to green pastures and still waters where his soul was restored. Given all that we have experienced in the past year I'm wondering what the *green pastures* and *still waters* are for you where God restores your soul. I'd love to hear from you and learn about your restoration places or activities. My email address is swilson@oakmontpresby.org.

Several years ago, my wife and I attended a performance of **Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers**, a banjo group. While not our normal musical fare, we enjoyed the group and Steve Martin's humor. The other day I was searching a computer radio station and happened to search for that banjo group. I am finding their music delightful and filled with energy.

The promise of Psalm 23 is that God leads us to places where our souls are restored. In these summer months I encourage you to explore some *pastures* and *waters* that may not be on your normal path in the hope that you will discover some new places where God restores your soul.

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When I announced in worship that this letter is likely my last COVID update the congregation broke into spontaneous applause. **We are all weary of pandemic risk, pandemic news and pandemic precautions.**

Consistent with the governor lifting all precautions except the masking mandate for non-vaccinated persons, your **Session has lifted our worship restrictions**. Sanctuary seating restrictions have been removed and registering for worship has ended. Friendship Hall will remain set up for physically distant seating for those interested. Masks will be available for non-vaccinated persons. Pews will continue to be sanitized before each worship service.

Some within our congregation are immunocompromised and will continue to mask and remain physically distant. Given that people have different comfort levels, we hope that everyone will be sensitive to others' sense of space.

I look forward to seeing you face-to-face in worship as we make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Steve

PS – Please take a few minutes to complete and return your membership survey which you should have received in a green envelope. If you have already...thank you!