



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Easter // Good Shepherd Sunday
Sunday, April 25, 2021

PRELUDE: Sheep May Safely Graze
John Finney, organ

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today, receive anew the voice of the shepherd who calls us.
God awakens us and restores our souls.
Surely God's goodness and mercy follow us.
The shepherd calls us to new ventures.
We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys.
God prepares a table, to provide safety and make peace.

HYMN: My Shepherd, You Supply My Need
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #88

Resignation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O merciful God,
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Restore us by the grace and power of the risen Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

GLORIA

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SOLO: He Shall Feed His Flock (from *Messiah*)
Shannon Lebrón, mezzo-soprano

G. F. Handel

*He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
And carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.*

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23

SERMON: "The Table of Peace"

Matt Wooster

HYMN: The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Verses 1, 2, 6)
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #87

St. Columba

SHARING of CELEBRATIONS and CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR 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: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #429

Bradbury

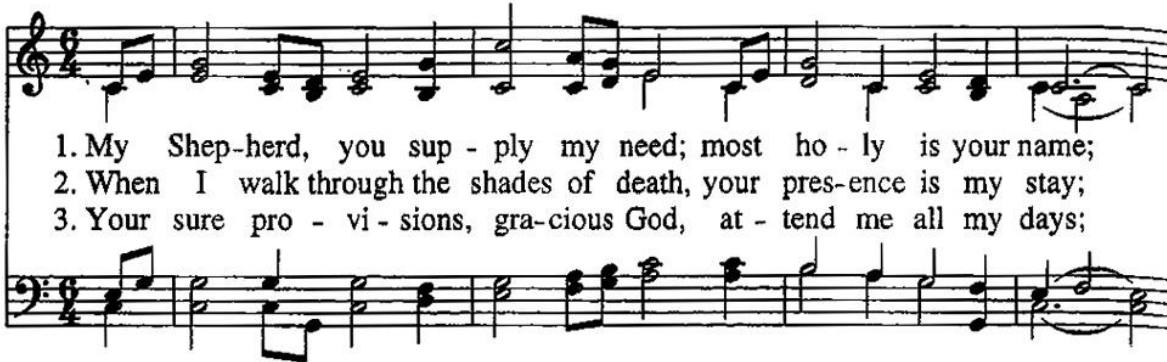
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POSTLUDE: Toccata in F major

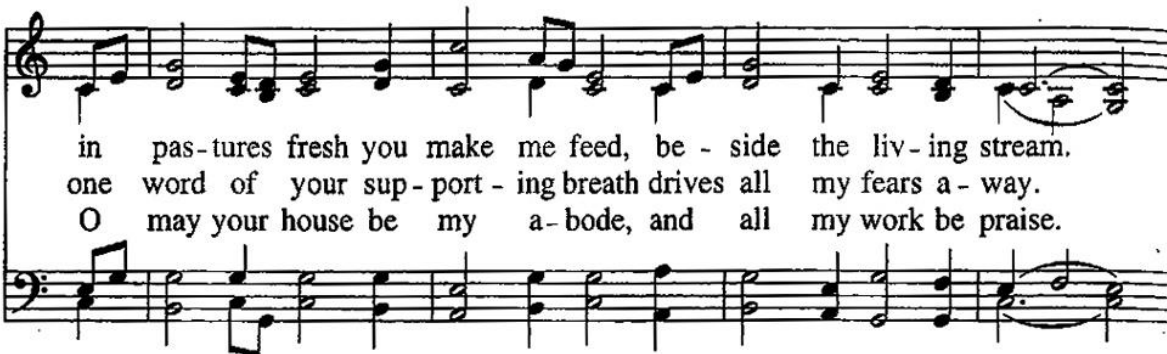
Dietrich Buxtehude

Preaching Rev. Matt Wooster
Liturgists Rev. Anne Marie Holloway, Rev. Judy Swahnberg
Soloists Laurie Stewart Otten, Shannon Lebrón, Christian Figueroa, Garrett Murphy


My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



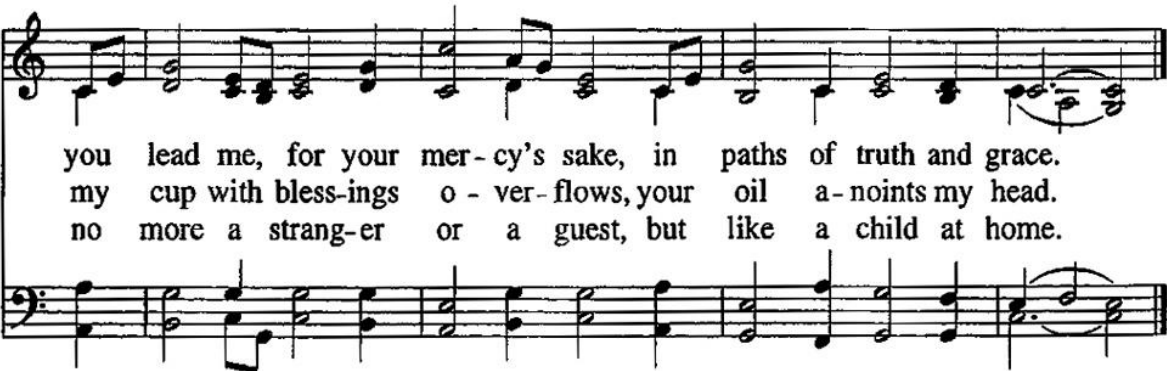
1. My Shep-herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name;
 2. When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
 3. Your sure pro - vi - sions, gra-cious God, at - tend me all my days;



in pas-tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake your ways;
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



you lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm., FCC, 1997

RESIGNATION
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This is Congregationalist Watts' paraphrase of Psalm 23. Because of ill health, Watts lived for the last thirty-six years of his life in the home of a wealthy parishoner, devoting most of his time to writing.

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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1. The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with
 5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight, thy
 6. And so through all the length of days thy

good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 2. ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 4. thee, dear Lord, be - side me: thy rod and staff my
 bless - ed grace be - stow - eth, and O what trans - port
 6. good - ness fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I

I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.
 2. pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gen - tly laid, and home re - joic - ing brought me.
 4. com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
 6. sing thy praise with - in thy house for - ev - er.

WORDS: Henry W. Baker, 1868, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Charles V. Stanford, *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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This paraphrase of Psalm 23 differs from others in that the psalm is interpreted through the Christian experience - Christ is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep through death on the cross, and the table becomes the communion table.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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1. Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten-der care;
 2. We are thine; in love be-friend us; be the guard-ian of our way;
 3. Ear-ly let us seek thy fa - vor; ear-ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre-pare.
 keep thy flock; from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.
 bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our spir-its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear thy chil - dren when we pray;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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WORDS: Attr., Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836, alt.
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1859

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Londoner Dorothy Ann Thrupp was a frequent contributor of children's hymns. Baptist American William Bradbury wrote countless hymns and edited over seventy hymnbooks.