

**May 3, 2020**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

**The Prelude**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Wilbur Held

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**The Introit**

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.

**Welcome**

**The Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Shepherding God, bring us into your fold.  
Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls.  
Help us see the way we should go, the way we should live.  
Help us hear your voice calling our name.  
Enliven this time of worship, that we may find true life  
as we join with others: praising your name,  
celebrating your great goodness,  
and sharing your love for all people. Amen.

**The Hymn No. 436**

*The Voice of God Is Calling*

MEIRIONYDD

1. The voice of God is calling  
its summons in our day;  
Isaiah heard in Zion,  
and we now hear God say:  
"Whom shall I send to succor  
my people in their need?  
Whom shall I send to loosen  
the bonds of shame and greed?"

2. "I hear my people crying  
in slum and mine and mill;  
no field or mart is silent,  
no city street is still.  
I see my people falling  
in darkness and despair.  
Whom shall I send to shatter  
the fetters which they bear?"

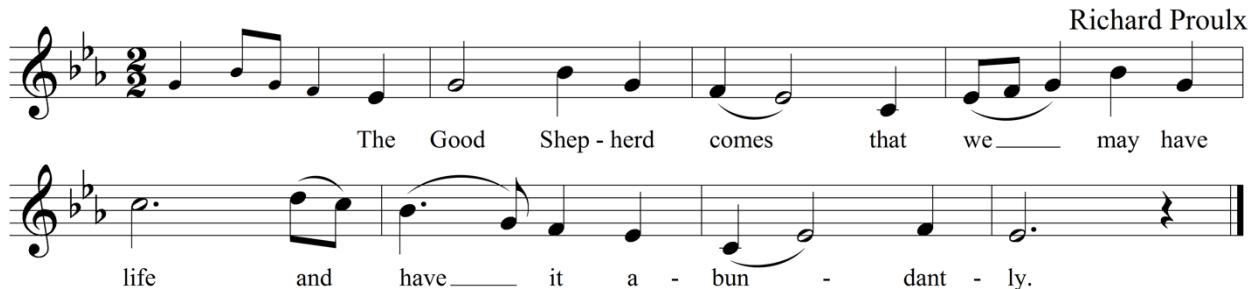
3. We heed, O Lord, your summons,  
and answer: Here are we!  
Send us upon your errand,  
let us your servants be.  
Our strength is dust and ashes,  
our years a passing hour;  
but you can use our weakness  
to magnify your power.

4. From ease and plenty save us;  
from pride of place absolve;  
purge us of low desire;  
lift us to high resolve;  
take us, and make us holy;  
teach us your will and way.  
Speak, and behold! we answer;  
command, and we obey!

[The first response will be sung by the choir and then by everyone. All other responses will be sung by everyone.]

Response:

Richard Proulx



The Good Shepherd comes that we may have life and have it abundantly.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 **The lord makes me lie down in green pastures,**  
leads me beside still waters,
- 3 restores my life,  
**leads me in right paths**  
**for the sake of the Lord's name.**
- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
**for you are with me;**  
**your rod and your staff,**  
**they comfort me.**

Response

- 5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies  
**you anoint my head with oil,**  
**my cup overflows.**
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;  
**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord**  
**as long as I live.**

Response

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### The Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Hymn No. 138***The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ST. COLUMBA

1. The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me;  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. 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.
5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight;  
from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise,  
within thy house forever.

Leader:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People:

**The Gospel Lesson**

John 10:1-10

Leader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People:

**The Sermon***On The Other Side of the Gate*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

**The Offertory Prayer****The Offertory Anthem***The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Emily Downey, soprano soloist

Thomas Matthews

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### Psalm 23

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### The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 trespasses,  
    as we forgive those that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
    forever. Amen.**

### The Hymn No. 670

*Go Forth for God*

GENEVA

1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
    be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
    in God's good Spirit, daily to increase,  
    till in the kingdom we see face to face.
2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;  
    strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
    help the afflicted; richly from above  
    God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;  
    hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
    render to no one evil; Christ at length  
    shall overcome all darkness with his light.
4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,  
    to serve God's people every day and hour,  
    and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
    rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

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### The Benediction

**The Choral Response** Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

**The Postlude** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Johann Pachelbel

*We thank these persons who helped us in worship this morning.*

Senior Pastor: Rev. Matthew D. Bates  
Director of Music: Stanley M. Baker  
Singers: Emily Downey, Gabrielle Maes,  
Todd Minnich, Sam Cook  
Video: Rachel Bates

## **1 Peter 2:19-25**

<sup>19</sup> For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## **John 10:1-10**

### **Jesus the Good Shepherd**

<sup>10</sup> "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."