

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023



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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Prelude

Opening Song – “All Are Welcome”

ALL ARE WELCOME

Hans Peterson
Larry Olson

All are wel - come, friend and stran - ger, at the ban - quet
of the Sav - ior. All are wel - come. All are wel - come
here.
From the wo - man who comes cry - ing,
From the ones to who feel for - got - ten,
Go in - to the streets and cit - ies,
leav - ing tears at Je - sus feet, to the man who
those who sense their place is gone, to the ones who
to the farms and fam - i - lies, tell a - bout the
knows the right way but can - not see.
live in hun - ger, here you be - long.
splen - did ta - ble, God's mer - cy.

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Welcome * Welcome Pads * Post it Notes

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together: "All are Welcome" vs 1 and refrain

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from Acts chapter 2, verses 41-47.

Here with you there is no want-ing, ly-ing down in pas-tures green.
 Though we walk in shad-owed val-leys, we will not be held by fear.
 You pre-pare a won-drous ta-ble, fill our cups to ov-er-flow.

Lead-ing us be-side still wat-ers, souls re-stored and free.
 You bring peace and you give com-fort, you are al-ways here. Shep-herd
 With your good-ness and your mer-cy here for-ev-er-more.

us oh Lord. Keep us safe from harm. Hold us
 close. Lead us home. Shep-herd us oh Lord.

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(Reader): Those who accepted Peter's message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day. The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers.

(Side 1): A sense of awe came over everyone.

(Side 2): God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles.

(ALL): All the believers were united and shared everything.

(Reader): They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and

demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

(Reader): Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day – “If I Believe in Jesus”

IF I BELIEVE IN JESUS

Larry Olson

(guitar: capo 2)

F#m(Em)

If I believe in Je - sus do I

need to fol-low him? If I believe in Je - sus

F#m(Em)

do I need to fol - low him? 'Cause

C#sus2(Bsus2) Bsus2(Asus2) F#m(Em)

if I'm gon-na fol-low him, some things are bound to change.

C#sus2(Bsus2) Asus2(Gsus2) E(D) F#m(Em)

Time to go and love my neigh- bor;
Time to break some bread with sin- ners;
Time to help my home- less sis- ter;

Asus2(Gsus2) E(D) F#m(Em)

time to get down on my knees;
time to weep for brok - en dreams;
time to wash my broth - er's feet;

Asus2(Gsus2) E(D) F#m(Em)

time to step out on the wat - er
time to help a wound - ed strang - er
time to speak a - gainst in - jus - tice

Bsus2(Asus2) C#sus2(Bsus2)

but I'm hav-ing some troub - le with letting go of all of my things. If
but I'm hav-ing some troub - le with loving my en - e - mies. If
but I'm hav-ing some troub - le con - fronting the powers that be. If

Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition will close with the words: God, who is mercy:

Congregational response sing: “Shepherd Me, O God” refrain.

Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from death in - to life. life.

to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 *to stanza 4*

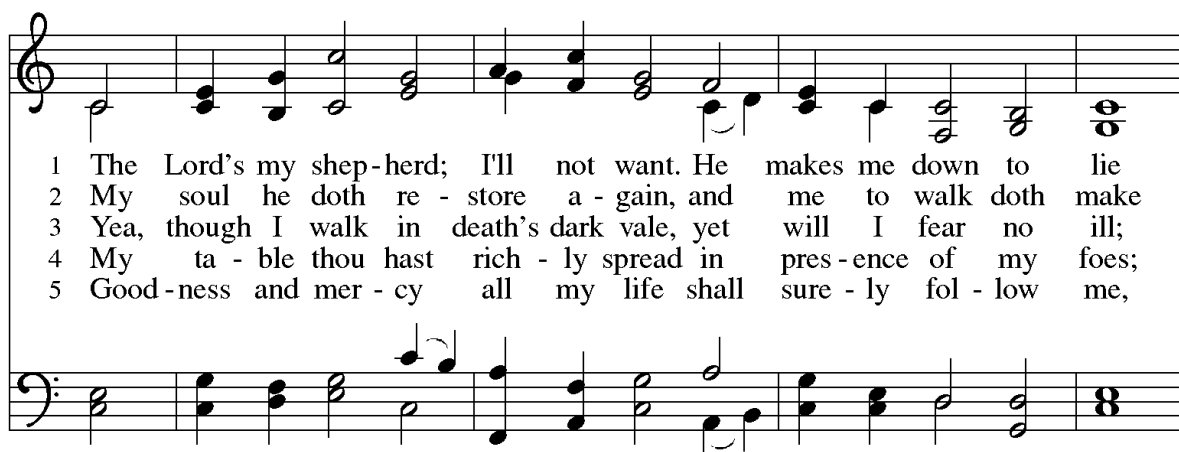
The musical notation is for the refrain of the hymn 'Shepherd Me, O God'. It is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from death in - to life. life.' There are two endings: one marked 'to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5' and another marked 'to stanza 4'.

Offering

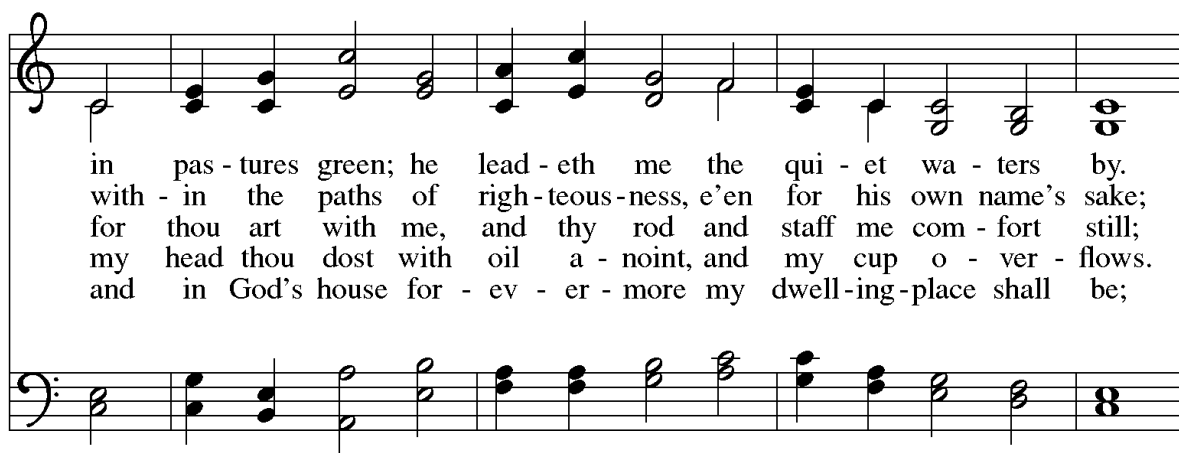
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Offering Song: “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

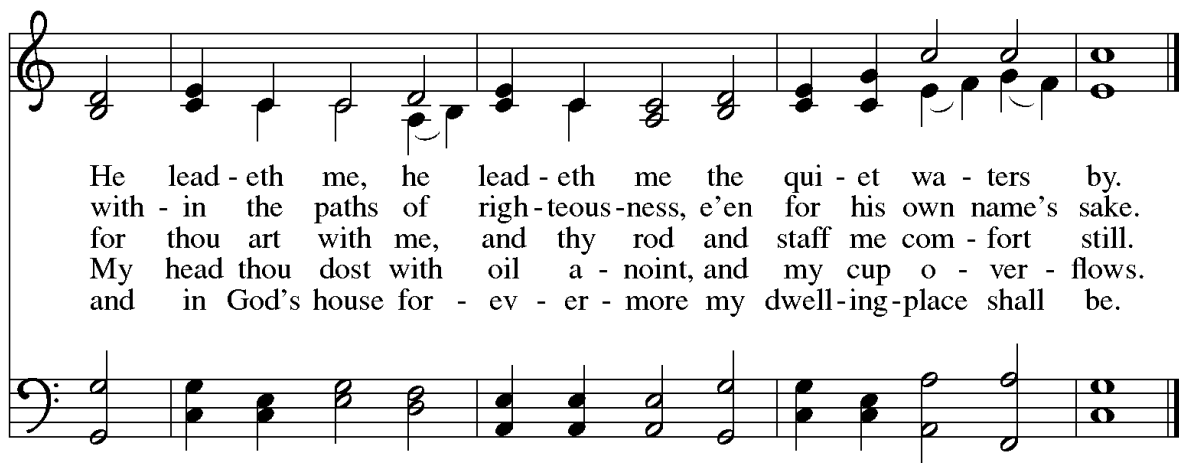
The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
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Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1895–1984

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The Feast

Setting the Table *the children lead us as we sing together:*

O Come Lord Jesus be our Guest and let these gifts to us be blest. All praise to God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

*We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us.
(This version adapted by Parker J. Palmer)*

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
from each one to each one
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days –
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One. Amen.**

This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth.

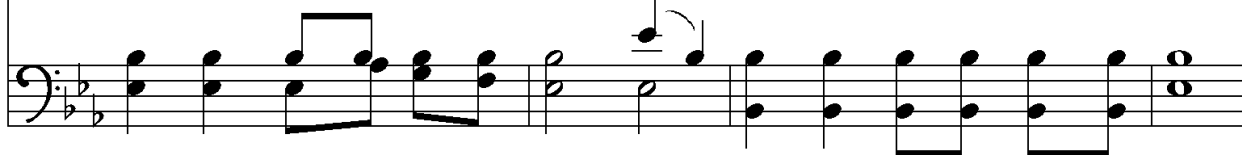
So, come, those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Song: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" and
"The King of Love My Shepherd is"

Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



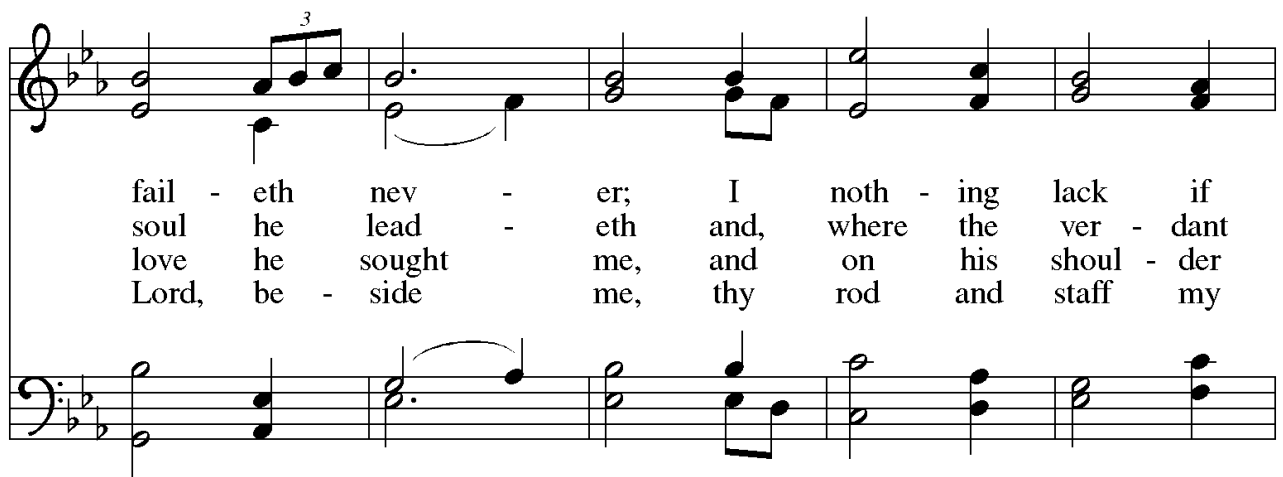
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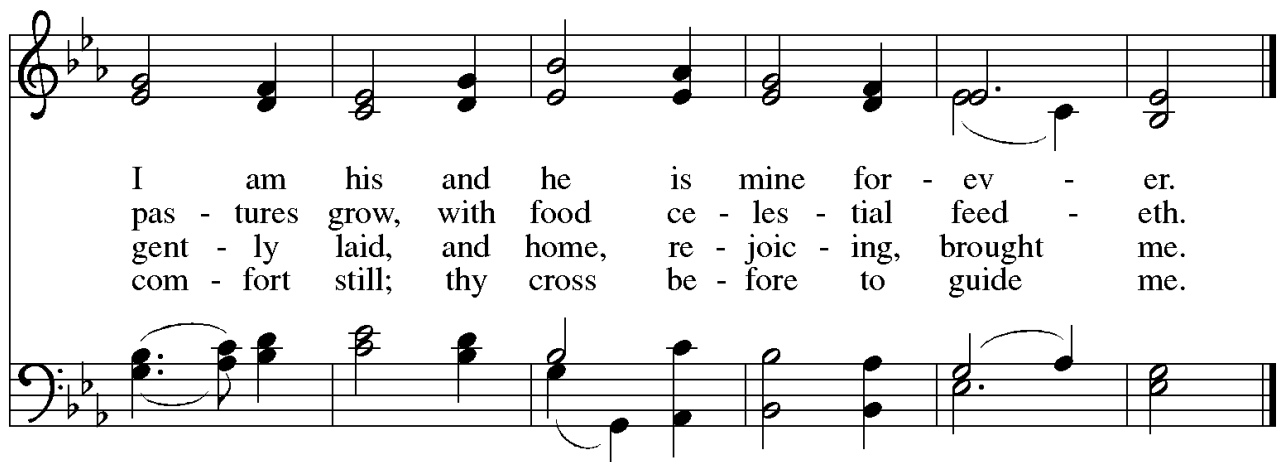
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine 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.

Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings:

MILESTONES! Sing...

"They'll Know We are Christians by our Love" - (Verse 1 and chorus)
*It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a
community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our
life.*

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words and Music by
Peter Scholtes

♩ = 56

VERSE

Fm Eb/F Fm Eb/F Fm Eb/F Fm Eb/F Fm



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; We are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; We will
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; We will
4. All — praise to the Fa - ther, from — whom all things come; And all

5

Bbm

Eb7/Bb Fm Eb/F Fm



one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we
walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to -
work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll
praise to Christ Je - sus, His — on - ly — Son. And all

9

Bbm

Eb7/Bb Fm Eb/F Fm



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll
- geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save — each man's pride.
praise to the Spir - it, who — makes — us — one.

CHORUS

13

Db

Fm

Bbm



know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love, yes they'll

17

Fm

Bbm

Eb7/Bb Fm



know — we are Chris - tians by our love. —

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Sung Benediction

Sending Song: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

G C G D

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

G C G/D G D G

what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

G Refrain C G D

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;
 Lean - ing on Je - sus. lean - ing on Je - sus.

G C G/D G D7 G

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
 lean - ing on Je - sus. lean - ing on Je - sus.

Go in peace – serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God**

Music to Send You Out

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