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May 11, 2025



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Opening Song: "Walk Across the Water"

# Walk across the Water



1 When the wa - ters of our moth - er broke and the  
 2 On the day we came to be bap - tized, by the  
 3 And when Is - rael fled from E - gypt's land, they were  
 4 Is . . . . . that my Lord a - walk - ing ■ on the



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 word in the wa - ter freed, Je - sus  
 chased up to the sea. Mo - ses'  
 Sea of Gal - i - lee? Je - sus



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 looked in - to our won - d'ring eyes and said,  
 God said, "Take them by the hand . . . . . and  
 says, "If your faith be more than talk, . . . . . then



"Walk a - cross the wa - ter to me."  
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"Walk a-cross the wa-ter. Walk a-cross the



wa-ter. Let your faith run free on the rag - ing sea,



and walk a-cross the wa-ter to me."

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## Walk across the Water

(♩=60)

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C D Em

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C D Em

*Refrain*

"Walk a - cross the wa - ter.

Am Em

Walk a - cross the wa - ter. Let your

Am Em

faith run free on the rag - ing sea, and

G D Em B

walk a - cross the wa - ter to me."

C D Em

1, 2, 3 4

- 2 On the
- 3 And when
- 4 Is .....

C D Em Em

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

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

**C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day: *Let us pray;*

**Caring Shepherd,**

**you supply all our needs.**

**We celebrate your generous care of us all.**

**Good Shepherd,**

**you take us by the hand**

**and lead us through the dark and fearful times in life.**

**We celebrate your compassion and understanding.**

**Gracious Shepherd,**

**your goodness and mercy nurtures and blesses us,**

**and it enriches our soul.**

**As we worship you,**

**we share together in the feast you prepare for us,**

**and it restores and refreshes us. Amen.**

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Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together: "Walk Across the Water" (Chorus)

## Children's Time

### Mother's Day Litany

Today we remember that God has gifted us with relationship. Today we remember mothers.

**We remember Sara who was taunted by others in the household because of her inability to have children.**

Mothering God, we pray for those who feel excluded when we emphasize one kind of family as normal.

**We remember Esther, who was adopted and raised by her cousin.**

Adopting God, we pray for those who cannot be raised by their parents, for a short time or permanently. And we praise you for those who are family through adoption.

**We remember Jochebed, the mother of Moses, who placed him into a raft on the river.**

Saving God, we pray for parents who struggle to raise their children in desperate circumstances.

**We remember Hannah, who loved her child so much she handed him over to another to raise.**

Loving God, we pray for parents who have placed their child in another family.

**We remember Naomi, who grieved the death of her sons.**

God who grieves with us, we pray for parents who mourn the death of a child.

**We remember Ruth, who gave up her family to be family to another.**

Expansive God, we pray for those who choose to be family to those isolated by culture or language or distance.

**We remember Elizabeth, who had a child in old age and we remember Mary, who had a child as a teenager.**

Ageless God, you defy our expectations and limits.

**We remember Rachel, weeping for her children**

God of justice, we pray for those whose children are killed in violent and oppressive situations.

**We remember Lois and Eunice, who taught Timothy faith by example.**

Faithful God, we pray for those who teach us faith by their lives, may live our lives following you.

**We remember the many nameless women in scripture, like the mother of the prodigal son.**

God of relationship, we pray for those who are estranged from one another.

**Nurturing God, we give thanks for those  
who enrich our lives by their presence  
who teach us about your abundant love  
who encourage us to journey in faith.  
Amen.**

## THE STORY

*(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Gospel of John, Chapter 10, verses 22-30. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as we sing the words to our first reading, Psalm 23, to welcome the Gospel.*





Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (31)

Sarah Hart

RESPONSE (♩ = ca. 92)

Capo 1: (D) Eb (Bm) Cm (D/F#) Eb/G (Gmaj7) Abmaj7

Melody

The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want. The

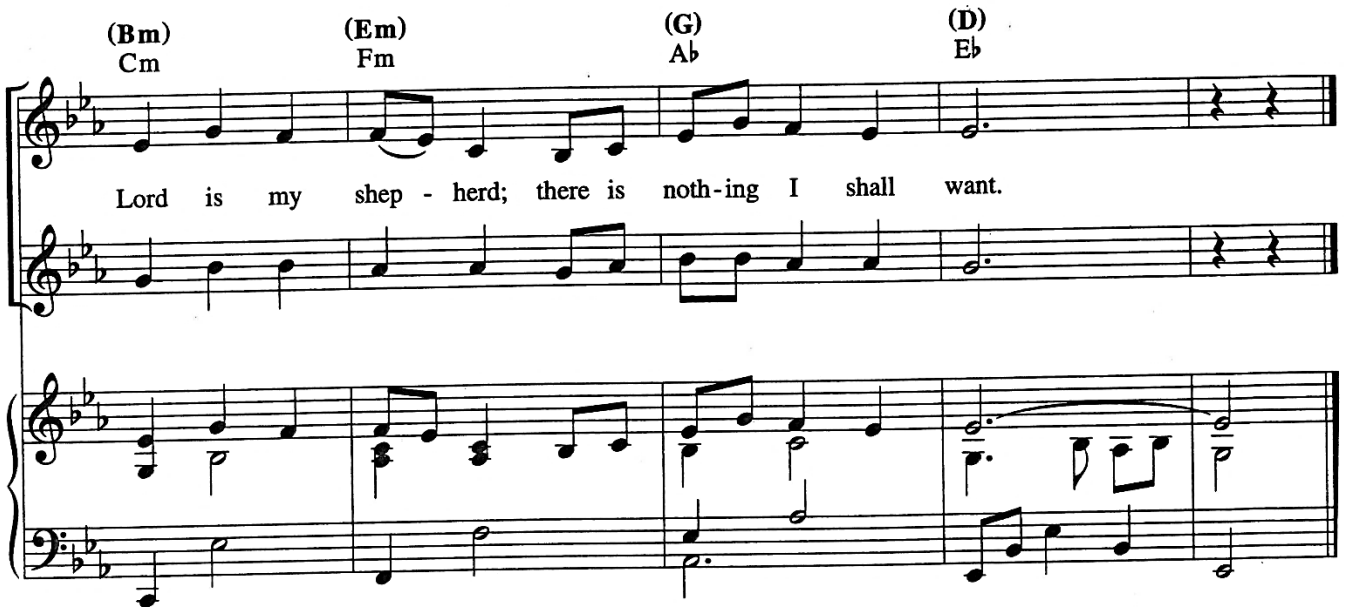
Harmony



Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is the vocal melody, and the bottom staff is the piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want. The'. Above the melody, there are four sets of chord symbols: (D) Eb, (Bm) Cm, (D/F#) Eb/G, and (Gmaj7) Abmaj7. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the melody.

(Bm) Cm (Em) Fm (G) Ab (D) Eb

Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.



Detailed description: This system contains the second two staves of music. The top staff is the vocal melody, and the bottom staff is the piano accompaniment. The key signature remains two flats, and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.'. Above the melody, there are four sets of chord symbols: (Bm) Cm, (Em) Fm, (G) Ab, and (D) Eb. The piano accompaniment continues with a consistent harmonic accompaniment.

VERSES

(Bm) Cm (F#m) Gm (G) Ab (D) Eb (Em7) Fm7

1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant  
 2. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even  
 3. You spread the table be fore me me Even  
 4. On - ly goodness and kindness follow me me in the all the

(D/F#) Eb/G (Gadd9) Abadd9 (A) Bb (Bm) Cm (F#m) Gm

1. pas - tures he gives me re - pose; be - side restful waters he  
 2. though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for  
 3. sight of my foes; you a noint my  
 4. days of my life; and I shall dwell in the

2 (D) Eb (Em7) Fm7 (D/F#) Eb/G (G) Ab (Asus4) Bb sus

(G) Ab (D) Eb (Em7) Fm7 (a tempo) (A sus4) Bbsus4 D.C.

1. leads me; he re - fresh - es my soul.  
 2. you are at my oil; my cup o - ver - flows.  
 3. head with LORD } for years to come.  
 4. house of the LORD } for years to come.

1, 3, 4 (a tempo) D.C.

2  
(D) Eb (Em7) Fm7 (a tempo) (D/F#) Eb/G (Gadd9) Abadd9 (Asus4) Bbsus4 D.C.

2. side with your rod and your staff that give me cour-age.

2  
(a tempo) D.C.

(Reader): *At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him,*

**(ALL): "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."**

(Reader): *Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.*

**(ALL): What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."**

(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 - "Shepherd Us"

Based on Psalm 23

### SHEPHERD US

Larry Olson



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.

## 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: "...Open our lives that you may lead us"

Congregational response: **Singing...**

## 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 image shows two staves of musical notation in a treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain, with lyrics 'Shep- herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'death in - to life. life.'. Above the second staff, there are two boxes: the first box covers the first three measures and is labeled 'to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5', and the second box covers the last two measures and is labeled 'to stanza 4'. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

## THE OFFERING

Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for "simply giving" or give online or drop a check off at the church office. The watering can during May is for "Reel Hope Project". Any children willing to help are Invited to meet Pastor Hans in the back to bring forth the Communion elements.

Offering Song - "Going Out to Love"

Intro: 3x - A/C#, D, F#m, E  
1x - Bm7, A/C#, D, E

# GOING OUT TO LOVE

Larry Olson

May your Ho - ly Spir - it come and lead us on our way,  
May we heed your call - ing us to fol - low you to - day,  
fill us with com - pas - sion, keep us ground - ed in your grace.  
touch the hurt - ing peo - ple that we meet a - long the way.  
May your mer - cy move us in this sac - red mys - ter - y,  
Bread for all who hun - ger, wa - ter for the thirst - ing souls,  
stir - ing us to jus - tice, bring - ing heal - ing, hope, and peace. We're go - ing  
kind - ness for the strang - er who needs help a - long the road.  
out in - to the world to love in the name of Je - sus, for  
ev' - ry - one. We're go - ing out in - to the world to love in the  
name of Je - sus we're go - ing out to love. We're go - ing out to love.

# The Feast

## Setting the Table

*the children lead us as we say together:*

**Gracious God, we thank you for the food before us;  
the family beside us; the love between us;  
and your presence among us.**

**Amen.**

## 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."



## The Lord's Prayer

(Leader): *Our Creator, our Mother,*

**(ALL): 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. 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.

The gifts of God are...

**(ALL): Free**

Free indeed. And all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Communion Songs: "The King of Love My Shepherd is" and "The Lord's My Shepherd"

# 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.

# 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.  
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## 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

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.  
**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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Vs. 1B  
*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.*

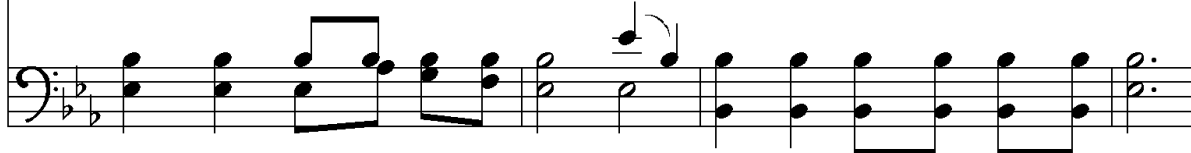
# Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



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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Sung Blessing – Voices of Hope Choir: “Irish Blessing”

Sending Song: “My Redeemer Lives”

*(Invite children of all ages to come forward and play percussion during the Sending Song)*







23 3. C#m7 B<sup>sus</sup> BRIDGE D

deem - er lives. \_\_\_\_\_ You lift my bur - dens,

27 A/C# E/B

I'll rise with You; \_\_\_\_\_ I'm danc - ing on \_\_\_\_\_ this moun -

30 F#m7 E/G# B<sup>sus</sup> B D.S. al Coda

- tain - top \_\_\_\_\_ to see Your king - dom come. \_\_\_\_\_ My Re -

34 ⊕ Coda  
C#m7 B E

deem - er lives. \_\_\_\_\_

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Music to Send You Out

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