

**PRELUDE**      *Well Done Is the Work of God, Severus Gastorius (1646-1682)*  
*Andante in F Major, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)*

## **WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

The Peace of Christ be with you.... **And also with you.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the darkest valley,

**at the banquet table;**

in the hard work of life,

**at the moments of ease;**

in our day-to-day reality,

**at times set aside—**

like this time, now—

for worship, for listening, for paying attention; with every step we take:

**goodness and mercy follow us;**

**our cups overflow.**

**HYMN**      NCH 251      *I Greet You, Sure Redeemer*

**SCRIPTURE**      *Psalms 23; Revelation 7:14-17*

**MUSICAL REFLECTION**      PH 327      *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**SERMON**      *Acts 9:36-43*

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

## **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*We pray for health and strength for Pasha Buck, Molly Campe, George Drake, Betty Anne Francis, Ross Haenfler, Laird Keever, Gene McCaw, and Gayle Strickler.*

*We pray for comfort and peace for Orlan Mitchell and family. Verlene died on April 10<sup>th</sup>.*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

O Lord, our Shepherding God, come close to us now.  
Come near us in our time of need.

Shepherding God, we need you in our time of anxiety.  
We need you in our time of economic uncertainty.  
We need you in a time of a globe-trotting disease.

We need you to bind our wounds and pour your healing ointment on our heads.  
We need the briars, and brambles, and burrs pulled out of our fleece and skin.

Shepherding God, you guide us with your voice,  
Help us to listen and follow no matter where your voice leads.  
Help us to trust you.

Shepherding God, protect us from the hired hands  
that do not really care for us  
and have neglected or abused us in the past.

Shepherding God, thank you for your son  
who lay down his life for those who follow him  
and for those who are not in the fold yet..

Lord we pray for those who don't know the shepherd,  
whose life circumstances kept them from knowing the good shepherd.  
We pray that by our actions, our behavior,  
and our reaching out into the community,  
they may come to know you.

Shepherding God,  
renew us, guide us with your love  
and renew us with your peace.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER** *(Inclusive Version)*

**Blessed One, our Father and our Mother**

**Holy is your name.**

**May your love be enacted in the world.**

**May your will be done**

**On earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread**

**And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us in the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For all that we do in your love,**

**and all that your love brings to birth,**

**and the fullness of love that will be**

**are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **GRATITUDE FOR OFFERING / DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

**HYMN**     NCH 507 *Jesus--The Very Thought to Me*

## **BENEDICTION**

Go now with your trust in the good shepherd,  
and let us love, not just in words,  
but in truth and action.  
Believe in the name of Jesus Christ,  
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death.  
May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life.  
And may the Holy Spirit abide in you  
...and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
...**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**     *Fugue in D-flat Major*, Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

### **Worship Resources**

Call to Worship ~ written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith. <https://spaciousfaith.com/>  
Pastoral Prayer ~ written by Rev. Abi and posted on her Long and Winding Road blog. <http://vicarofwadley.blogspot.ca/>  
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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 8, 2022**  
***To Grow in Love of God and Neighbor***

Worship Participants

Pastor	Rev. Jessica Margrave Schirm
Liturgist	JoAnn Britton
Musicians	Treble Vocal Ensemble
Organist	Kenneth Davis
Artist	Edd Scheer
Worship Hosts	JoAnn Britton, Nancy Brown, Jeananne Schild
Tech Team	Barbara and John Ashby, Dave Eberbach, Josh Sandquist
Sunday Drivers	Rick Ramsey, George Britton, Denny Conway, Shane Estes, John Noer
Chancel Care	Sarah White, Glenyce Conway, Karen Edwards, Sue Ramsey, Oliva Wright