



The Presbyterian Church
at Bound Brook
Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Fantasia brevis in Psalmo LXXX B. Berman

INTROIT Hear, Israel's Shepherd! Ravenscroft's Psalter, 1621

Hear, Israel's Shepherd! Like a flock
Thou that dost Joseph guide;
Shine forth, O thou that dost between
The Cherubims abide.

TOLLING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

ALL: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

ONE: Even though we walk through dark valleys,
even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

**ALL: Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy;
we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

*HYMN #215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*OPENING ACCLAMATION

One: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION - unison

Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn.
You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel
as if they don't belong.

Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment;
the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade.

Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

ONE: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews.

Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.

**ALL: We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory
and testify to God's grace.**

ONE: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Amen.

*CELEBRATION OF GRACE

John Bell (b. 1949)

Refrain

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!

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Fine

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Detailed description: The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first two phrases of the refrain. The lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!' are written below the notes. A measure rest '9' is placed below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'. The lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!' are written below the notes.

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING - 1 John 3:16-24

Response after reading

ONE: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

PSALTER - PSALM 23

Refrain [the choir will sing once; the congregation will join
on the repeat and each subsequent time]



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

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

He restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

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.

Refrain

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

Refrain

GOSPEL READING – John 10:11-18

Response after reading:

ONE: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

What? The Flock!

Rev. Linda E. Owens

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

Everett Titcomb
(1884-1968)

Jesus! Name of wondrous love!
Name all other names above!
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name decreed of old,
To the maiden mother told,
Kneeling in her lowly cell,
By the angel Gabriel.

Jesus! Name of priceless worth
To the fallen sons of earth,
For the promise that it gave,
"Jesus shall His people save!"

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be-low; praise

God a-bove, ye heavenly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE We Will Go Out with Joy

We will go out with joy in the Spir - it; we will go out with God. Al - le - lu - ia!

We will go out with joy. Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with God.

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POSTLUDE Intermezzo from Sonata, op. 98

Josef Rheinberger
(1839-1901)



LEADING IN WORSHIP

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Join us for a Celebration of the Life service remembering Rose Suits.

Saturday, April 27 at 3:30 in the church sanctuary. Last year we celebrated Rose's 100th birthday. Her obituary reads in part: *She was always very involved with the church, singing with the choir, being an Elder, helping with church functions and donating her hand-made crafts to the church for the Bazaar every year.*

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