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Gathering

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Call to Worship

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!

Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh,

stir up your might, and come to save us!

Shepherd your people with your staff, O Lord;

the flock that belongs to you.

For thus says the Lord God:

I myself will search for my sheep.

I will seek the lost and bring back the strayed.

I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak.

I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them.

They shall not fear any longer or be dismayed.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!

Hymn

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

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1. Hail, thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior,
who hast borne our sin and shame!
By thy merits we find favor;
life is given through thy name.

2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on thee were laid;
by almighty love anointed,
thou hast full atonement made.
Every sin may be forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood;
opened is the gate of heaven,
reconciled are we with God.

3. Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
there forever to abide;
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading;
there thou dost our place prepare;
thou for saints art interceding
till in glory they appear.

4. Worship, honor, power, and blessing
Christ is worthy to receive;
loudest praises, without ceasing,
right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
help to sing of Jesus' merits,
help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

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Proclamation

Psalm 23 (New King James Version)

*The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside the still waters.
he restores my soul;
he leads 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 you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup runs 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.*

Poem

Pasture

Andrew King

*There is a place we can find, a good place
like quiet meadows where flowers spread,
like green grasses by gentle streams;
a place where the heart feels nourished,
where the mind is hopeful, unhurried,
where the spirit is glad and at peace.
We'll name this place fulfillment,
we'll name it healing and thankfulness,
we'll name this good place pasture
for there we seek to feed.
And there is a voice we can hear that calls us,
a gentle voice, melodious,
a voice like songbirds and laughter,
like a mother comforting her children,
like a shepherd calling his sheep.
We'll name this voice acceptance,
we'll name it mercy and forgiveness,
we'll name it the voice of God's love,
inviting us gently to feed.*

*It invites us to enter pasture
when we think we're too hurting to listen,
too angry or grieving or fearful
to hear the voice that calls us to peace.*

*It invites us to enter pasture
when we're sure we're too busy to listen,
too burdened or worried or pressured
to hear the voice that calls us to peace.*

*It says: Come in and go out and find pasture.
It says: We are safe with the shepherd of all sheep.
It says: Meadows await us, in this moment.
It says: Rest in love. Where you are. Joyfully feed.*

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Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd

A. Pote

Prayer of Confession

God, we confess that we often try to live without the peace that you can give us. We try to walk through the valleys of shadows on our own strength, and by our own power. We worry and fret over small things, when you are so close, watching over us, and willing to lead us to still waters. Lead us in your paths, bring us back into your house, so that we can rediscover your love. Amen.

Words of Affirmation

*Children of God, hear the good news. The shepherd of peace is always ready to receive us, to bring us into the shelter of love. Though we wander, we are welcomed home, every time. Know that you are forgiven, and peace can be yours. **Passing the Peace** May this Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.***

Scripture Reading – John 10:1-10

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Song

Psalm 23

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters;
his goodness restores my soul.
And I will trust in you alone;
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me;
your goodness will lead me home.

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup it overflows with joy;
I feast on his pure delights.
And I will trust in you alone;
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me;
your goodness will lead me home.

3. And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.
And I will trust in you alone;
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me;
your goodness will lead me home.

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Message

The Beautiful Shepherd

Response

Songs in Praise of Jesus

Jesus Name Above All Names

2071 (sung twice)

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

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Beautiful Savior

vs 1,3

1. All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
for in my helplessness you heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,
clothed in majesty, Lord of history;
you're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
you're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
and you reign, you reign over all!

3. I long to be where the praise is never ending;
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
where countless worshipers will share one song,
and cries of "worthy" will honor the Lamb!

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,
clothed in majesty, Lord of history;
you're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
you're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
and you reign, you reign over all!

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Fairest Lord Jesus

189 vs 1,4

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

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Prayers of the People

Asking God to make things beautiful...

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who 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.

Song *Shepherd Me, O God* M. Haugen
(Refrain sung by all; verses sung by vocalists)
Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Invitation to Offering *We have ways of making the world more beautiful.*

Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below, praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen* 95

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* 381

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

3. Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.
4. Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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Blessing

Postlude *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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