

**+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✦ **PEACE**

**PRELUDE**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**He lays down his life for his sheep.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**He knows us, and we belong to him.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

✦ **HYMN #187**

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us.

**But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts;**

and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace.

**Therefore let us confess our sin.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

[unison]

Lord, have mercy on us.

We talk about love, but our actions betray us.

We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.

We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.

Lord, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray.**

[continue in silence, personal confession]

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

**Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,**

**Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

**Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.**

✦ **GLORIA PATRI #581**

“Glory Be To the Father”

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

Psalm 23

✦ **HYMN #803**

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

✦ **GOSPEL**

John 10:11-18

**SERMON**

**+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +**

- ✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
Hymn #481

Apostles' Creed  
"I Believe in God the Father"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord's Prayer [page 35]

God of goodness and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

- ✦ **DOXOLOGY #606**

- ✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +**

- ✦ **HYMN #542**

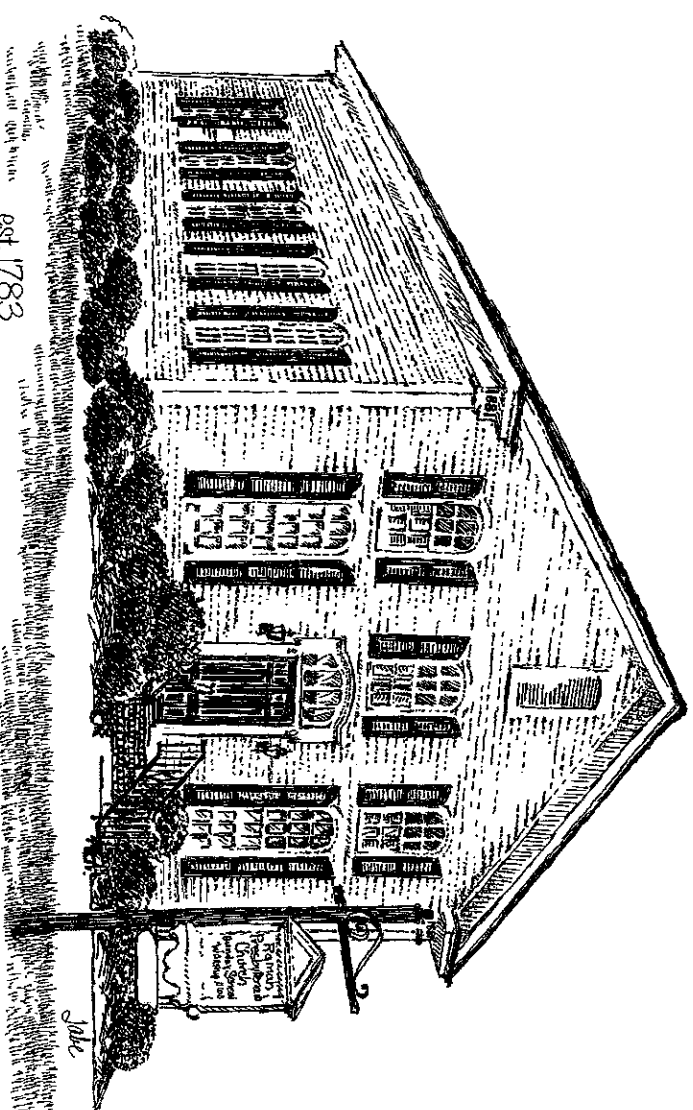
"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

- ✦ **BENEDICTION**

- ✦ **POSTLUDE**

+ + +

✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



## **RAMAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA**

14401 Ramah Church Road, Huntersville, NC 28078  
704.875.6683, [www.RamahPCUSA.org](http://www.RamahPCUSA.org)

**Sunday, April 22, 2018**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**

**Worship Leadership:**

The Reverend Brian Copeland  
The Director of Music: Tim Ward  
Greeter: Alan Mann & Chelsea Hawkins  
Nursery: Alen & Scottie Baker  
Children's Church: Dee & David Houk  
Acolyte: Lawrence Hawkins