



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seek, Serve, Embrace | Engaging with neighbors near and far in Christ's love

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 30, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

PRELUDE

"Suite Antique (I. Prelude II. Ostinato)" | *John Rutter (b. 1945); Tamara Thweatt, Flute*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship the risen Christ.

Praise to Christ, the good shepherd!

Alleluia, praise to Christ, the gate!

Alleluia, praise to Christ, the lamb!

Alleluia, praise to Christ, our savior!

Christ is risen still! Alleluia!

*HYMN NO. 187

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" | *BRADBURY*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carol McDonald

God, our Shepherd,

we have gone astray.

You call us to follow, and we hear your voice.

Yet, we choose to heed other voices -

voices that promise status and comfort and a carefree life.

But such promises are empty, and that life does not satisfy.

Call to us again, O Shepherd.

Summon us unto right paths to pursue justice in your name,

to seek after the well-being of all.

Lead us to the table you prepare for us -

where rivals share both bread and blessings

and discover there is enough for all.

*SILENT CONFESSION

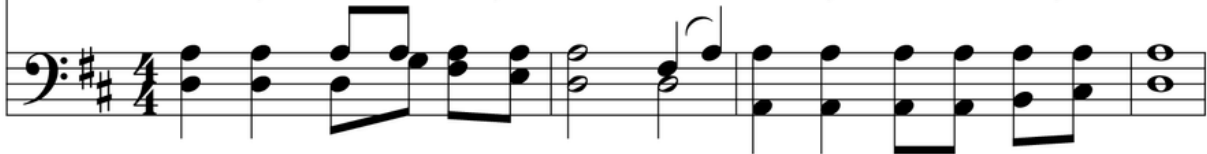
**For those who are able, please stand.*



Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



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 power 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 your 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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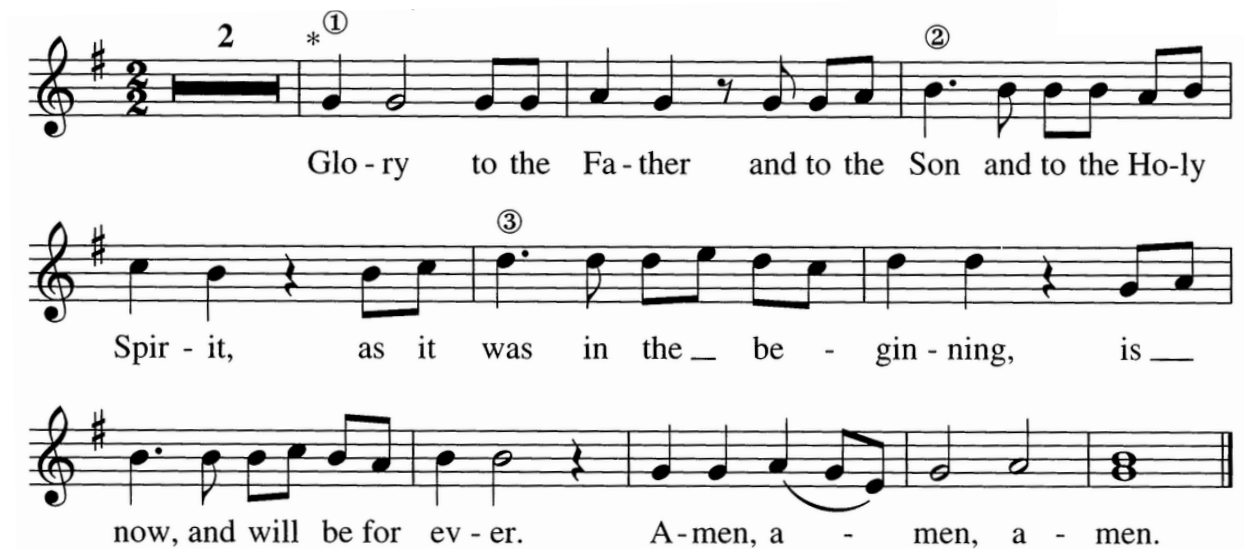
*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, we have all gone astray,
but now we have returned to the Shepherd and guardian of our souls.
Hear this good news - in Jesus Christ we are forgiven,
and freed to try again.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*GLORIA PATRI

John Weaver (1937-2021)



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly
Spir - it, as it was in the _ be - gin - ning, is _
now, and will be for ev - er. A - men, a - men, a - men.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

(Worshippers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International.)
Children are dismissed to Church School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

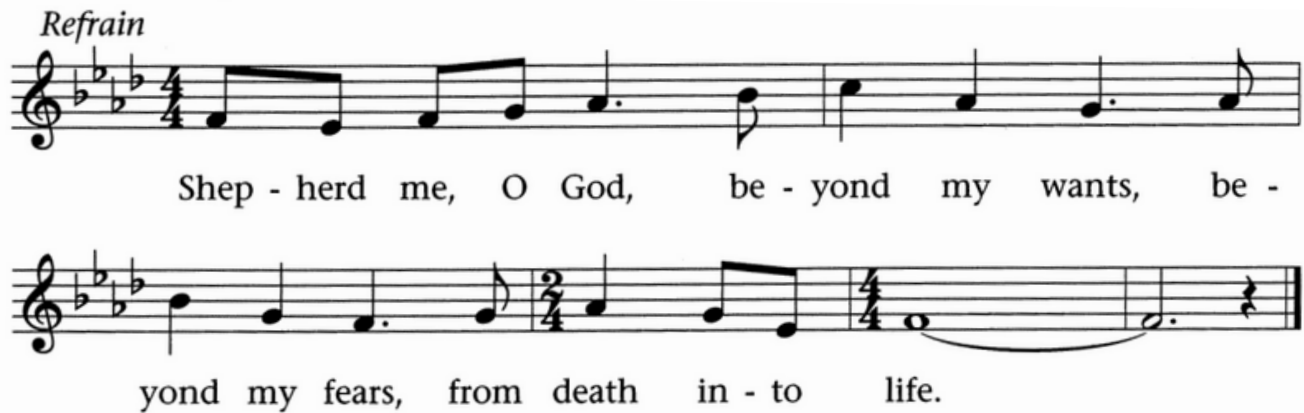


FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 2: 19-25 p. 237

PSALM 23

Marty Haugen (b. 1950); Krista Wright, Cantor



SECOND LESSON

John 10: 1-10 p. 103

SERMON

"To Know and Be Known" | Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 720

"Jesus Calls Us" | GALILEE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

(please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor)

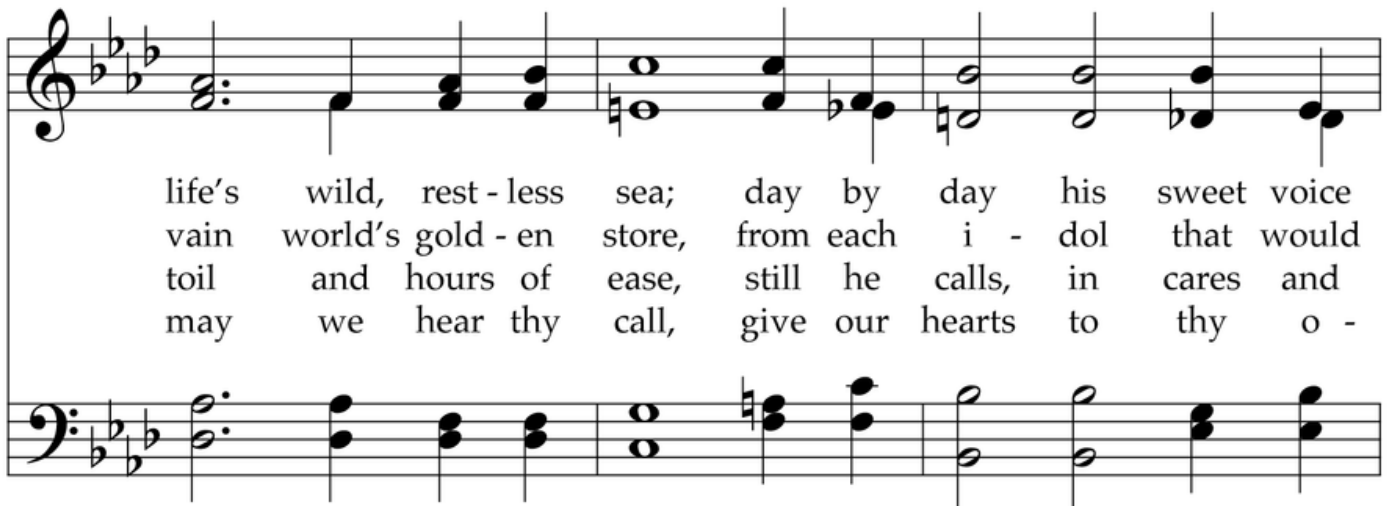


Jesus Calls Us

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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

OFFERTORY

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" | *American Folk Hymn, arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1949); Chancel Choir; Tamara Thweatt, Flute; Barrett Seals, Oboe*

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" | *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 543

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" | *GREEN TYLER*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the God who calls us by name lead you out to green pastures
and into the safety of Christ's fold.

**Let us live courageously and abundantly,
with Christ's love empowering us.**

Surely goodness and mercy will follow you;

we will dwell with God and serve humanity. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace" | *African-American spiritual, arr. Joseph Joubert (b. 1959); Chancel Choir*



God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Today's Psalm, Psalm 23, is one of the most beloved Psalms in the Christian world. The Psalm begins with a picture of the Lord's care for an individual, using shepherd and sheep imagery. The mood is peaceful and calm, portraying "quiet waters of peace."

The tranquil mood is disturbed in verse 3 as the Psalmist refers to going through dangerous places - "Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope." The "rod" refers to the short wooden club that the shepherd would use for protection against animal or human enemies. The "staff" was longer and could be used to help sheep struggling up a difficult path or through whatever darkness and wilderness they must pass. The last section of the psalm shifts to a picture of the Lord as host, carefully preparing a marvelous meal. Though there are enemies in the vicinity, the guest enjoys the host's hospitality and protection. The Psalms often speak of enemies in pursuit of the psalmist, but this psalm closes with "goodness and mercy" chasing after the psalmist for a lifetime ("all the days of my life.") Composer Marty Haugen translated this psalm and wrote the music. A native of Minnesota, Haugen received degrees from Luther College and the University of St. Thomas. He has made over 40 recordings and published more than 400 hymns, responses, anthems, and songs. Thirteen of his hymns appear in *Glory to God*, including "Here in this Place."

Today's Offertory, "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need," is Mack Wilberg's arrangement of an American folk tune set to Isaac Watt's (1674 - 1748) paraphrase of the 23rd Psalm. The setting is rather pastoral, which lends to the mood of the Psalm text. The choral, flute, and oboe textures thicken in the middle of the piece before tapering toward the end. In addition to his composing and arranging pursuits, Mack Wilberg (born 1955) serves as music director of the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square, Salt Lake City, Utah, a position he has held since 2008.

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Events and Announcements

More information can be found on our events page at northminster.church/events

Court Watcher Program | Today | 11:30 am

Are you interested in learning more about the eviction court system and becoming a Court Watcher in Indianapolis? Please attend today's informational meeting to learn about becoming a Court Watcher. No courtroom experience is necessary!



Northminster Community Yoga | Today | 5:30 pm

Join Krista Wright for Northminster Community Yoga today, May 7th, and May 21st. Class is from 5:30-6:30 pm in Calvin Hall; \$10 adults, \$5 students. All are welcome and no experience is needed!



One Church - One Book | Starting Today through Sep. 12

An all-church exploration of *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond. Books are on sale in The Gathering Place and office starting today and we invite you to join us for discussions throughout August and September. More info on our events page!



Spring Plant Sale Pickup Reminder | May 6 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Don't forget that pickup for the Spring Plant Sale will be this Saturday in the church parking lot. We will also have extra quantities if you'd like to purchase the day of (while supplies last). If you have any questions, please contact Molly Winkler!

Family Promise #NightWithoutABed | Through May 6

During the month of April until May 6th, Family Promise is conducting its primary fundraising campaign titled #NightWithoutABed. Support this campaign using the QR to the right. Please contact Dolly Craft with any questions!



Spring Cleaning Days | May 19-20 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sign up now to help with various projects inside and outside NPC. No specific talents are required. Please bring water, work gloves, and a willing spirit. A sign-up will also be available in The Gathering Place.



Summer Fun: ReNew | Wednesdays in June | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Summer Fun is back and this year we're teaming up with ReNew to promote environmentally-friendly fun! Signups are now open for 4-year-olds through 5th graders. Contact Nancy Fortenberry for more information!



Northminster Reads: The Sweetness of Water | Jun. 18 | 5:30 pm

Mark your calendars for our next installment of Northminster Reads about the unlikely bond between two freedmen who are brothers and the Georgia farmer whose alliance will alter their lives, and his, forever. Zoom link will be available soon!

Northminster Camping Trip | Aug. 18-20

Mark your calendars now for Northminster's Camping Trip this August! All are welcome and more details including a registration link will be available soon. For more information, please contact Nancy Fortenberry.

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