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Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

**Mother's Day**

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the basket at the end of the pews. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

*We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

*For our worship through Eastertide we invite you to meditate on a different question each week as part of our worship, and then to write a response to the question on one of the colored pieces of paper provided. Then, during the final hymn, crumple your piece of paper into a ball and bring it forward to place it in the basket at the front of the sanctuary. These pieces of paper will then be used as part of a community art project that will be revealed on Pentecost Sunday. The question for today is: "What makes Jesus your shepherd?"*

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*Shepherd Songs*

arr. Tate

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

One: Come! Let us worship and praise God.

**ALL:** The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.

One: Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

**ALL:** Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

One: Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

**ALL:** Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.

One: Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

**ALL:** And we will dwell in God's house forever. **AMEN!**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 252** (black hymnal)

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah – we know you by many names, O God. Your presence fills our lives – all that we are and all that we have comes from you. All that you do declares your love for us. Yet, when trouble comes, when adversity plagues us, we wonder where you are; and we even wonder who you are. How quickly we forget that you are always with us. Dispel our gloom and despair. Change our garments of darkness into robes of dazzling light. Spread your table before us, and feed us from your hand. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 493 (red hymnal)

*Gloria Patri*

**ALL SING:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*  
by Philpot

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE**

*John 10: 22-30*

**MESSAGE**

**MIDDLE HYMN NO. 248** (black hymnal)

*Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows*

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

(10:30 AM) RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Tony & Stef Campisi*  
*Dennis & Phyllis Hartman*  
*Faye Heal*  
*Debbie Perry*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

(8 AM) SPECIAL MUSIC (sung by Pastor Danielle)      *The 23rd Psalm*      by Malotte

(10:30 AM) ANTHEM (sung by the Saints)      *Folk Beatitudes*      by Edelman

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*For All Women: A Mother's Day Blessing*

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 551 (red hymnal)

*Doxology*

**ALL SING:** 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.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 82 (black hymnal)

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION NO. 277 (black hymnal, v. 1)

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**ALL SING:** Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty! Early in the morning we praise your majesty. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

\*POSTLUDE

*Psalm 19*

by Hopson

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of Dale Fleming by Natalie Behrends.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of our dear mother and grandmother, Jane Graham. Happy Mother's Day! Love, Jodi, Steve & Deb, Sherri & Bryan, & Hannah.

The bulletins are presented in honor of all the volunteers who helped with the candy making in April from the Ridgerunners.

Thank you to Pastor Danielle for providing special music at the early service, and to the Worship Choir, the Saints, and the Children's Choir for participating in the late service.

Thank you to the Eastertide Worship Team for planning today's service. The team consists of Elaine Bevivino, Jim Shiffer, Tim Snyder, & Pastor Jeff.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: The Cooper family and the Markel family

8 AM Sound Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team: The Bevivino family and the Wagaman family

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Ryan Neal

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bob Katherman

10:30 AM Nursery: Katelyn & Corey McCarthy

WOW Kids: Erin & Jason Shiffer

*Flowers can be found on the back table for all the mothers of Mt. Zion from the Ladies' Aide. Mothers, please feel free to take one as you leave today. Happy Mother's Day!*

<sup>1</sup>The call to worship was written by Nancy C. Townley, an ordained elder in the United Methodist church. It was posted, with permission for use in worship, at the *Ministry Matters* website <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3753/worship-connection-may-12-2019>. Accessed on May 7, 2019.

<sup>2</sup>The prayer of confession comes from *The Abingdon Worship Annual*, edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu, Copyright © Abingdon Press. Shared with permission for use in worship on the *Re:Worship* website, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2016/04/prayer-of-confession-for-easter-4c.html>. Accessed on May 7, 2019.

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# Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847)

From *Hymns for the Young*, 1836; alt.

St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807-1886)

John 10:1-29



1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten - der care;

1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,

2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;

3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;



in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.

Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:

keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.

Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are;

E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray;

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still;



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*The theme of Christ as shepherd is familiar and beloved to Christians. Emma Lyons Doyle, granddaughter of Laiana (translator Lorenzo Lyons), once said, "If you want to know the full beauty of this hymn, hear it sung in Hawaiian."*

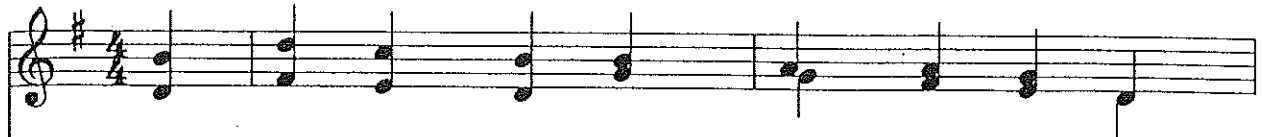
Tune: BRADBURY S.7.S.7.D.  
William B. Bradbury, 1859

# Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows

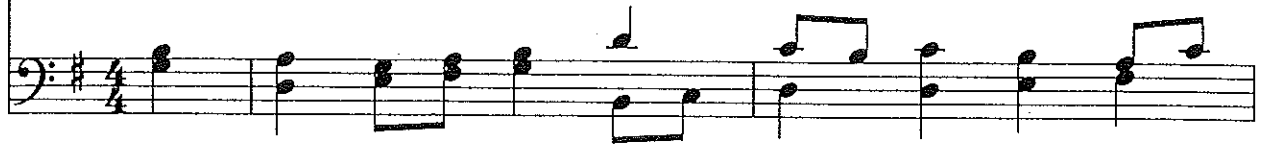
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Henry W. Baker, 1868; alt.

Ps. 23



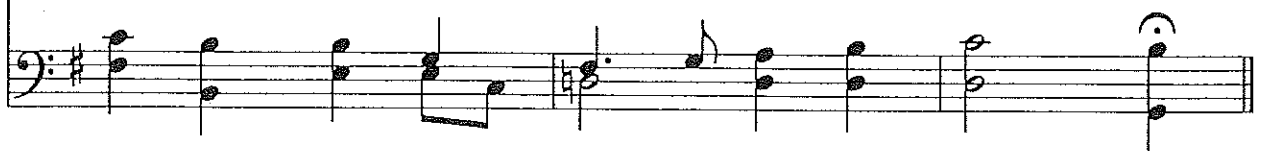
1 Such per - fect love my Shep - herd shows, whose  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
3 When vain and fool - ish oft I strayed, you,  
4 I do not fear death's shad - owed vale when



good - ness fails me nev - er, Whose hand all things I  
lov - ing Shep-herd leads me, And where the ver - dant  
faith - ful Shep-herd, sought me, And on your shoul - der  
you are here be - side me; Your rod and staff and



need be - stows and watch - es me for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow with food from heav - en feeds me.  
gent - ly laid, then home re - joic - ing brought me.  
strength pre - vail to com - fort and to guide me.



5 You spread a ta-ble in my sight,  
your gifts of grace be-stow-ing;  
And from your chal-ice I de-light  
to taste your mer-cy flow-ing.

6 And so through all the length of days  
your good-ness fails me nev-er;  
Good Shep-herd, may I sing your praise  
with-in your house for-ev-er.

*English clergyman Henry Baker greatly influenced hymnody in England and the United States through his leadership in preparing Hymns Ancient and Modern (1861). Baker's hymn is a recast of a George Herbert poem.*

Tune: DOMINUS REGIT ME 8.7.8.7.

John B. Dykes, 1868

Alternate tune: ST. COLUMBA

# Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.*

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;  
 2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own:  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,  
 Here my Spir - it's pow-er filled you, here with ten - der com-fort stilled you;

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own.  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

*American hymnwriter and translator Jaroslav Vajda crafted this benediction text as though God were "dismissing the congregation after worship, while drawing together a review of the events that transpired during the service." The wedding stanza was a later addition.*

Tune: ARHYDYNOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.4  
 Traditional Welsh melody  
 For another harmonization, see 425