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Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 AM

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 offering plate when it is passed. 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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Power of Your Love

by Holstein

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: God is welcoming you to this place.

P: Come, all you who are weary, and find rest here.

L: God is calling you by name.

P: Come, all who are lost, for God is searching for you.

L: God knows your hearts.

P: Come, all who are heartbroken and hurt, for God loves you.

L: God is welcoming you to this place.

P: Let us join our hearts in worship, for Christ welcomes us all in this time and place. Amen.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 252 (black hymnal)

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Gentle Shepherd, we have been beat up and broken by the world at times. We have been rejected and forgotten. We have been pushed down and moved to the margins. Bring us in. Bind up our wounds. Lift us up. May we know Your love and embrace. Forgive us when we have been the ones causing the hurt and pain for others, when we have forgotten and rejected our neighbors, when we have been the ones to marginalize and oppress. May your love, justice, and peace prevail. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 236 (black hymnal)

Halleluja

ALL SING: Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halleluja. Halleluja.

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

O, How I Love Jesus by Whitfield

Do You Know Who Died For Me? by Luecke

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

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

John 10: 11-18

MESSAGE

"To Know and to be Known"

Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith

Penn Central Conference Minister & President

HYMN NO. 247 (black hymnal)

My Shepherd Is the Living God

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

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(8:00 AM) JUBILATION ANTHEM

Love One Another

by Schram

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Heartsounds

by Lantz

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 778 (black hymnal)

Doxology

ALL SING: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 479 (black hymnal)

God Is My Shepherd

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Hymnus

by Held

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

One vase of flowers is presented in honor of Barb Stebbins' and Lana Fritz's birthdays.

One vase of flowers is presented in honor of Bill Murphy's birthday by Bonnie Murphy.
Happy Birthday, Bill!

The bulletins are presented in honor of our wedding anniversary by Tom and Carol Bair.

Thank you to Jubilation for participating in the 8:00 AM service today.

Thank you to the children's choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith for serving as a guest preacher today.

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: Ken Dunbar

8 AM Welcome Team: John & Connie Wolfe; Rick & Cindy Hogentogler

8 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Andy & Kristen Mekulsia; Barb Stebbins & Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Tom Mulligan

10:30 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

¹<http://rev-o-lution.org/2015/04/17/worship-resources-for-april-26-2015-fourth-sunday-of-easter/>

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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.

John 10:1-29

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



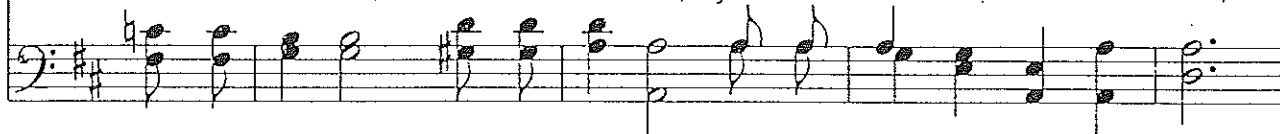
1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten - der care;
1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa. Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,
2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;



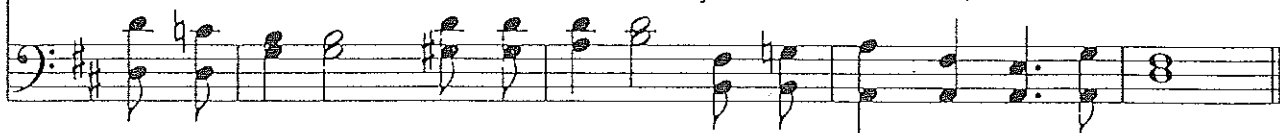
in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.
Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



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 8.7.8.7.D.
William B. Bradbury, 1859

Ps. 23; John 10:11, 27-30

Composite from Thomas Sternhold, 1549, and Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

C G C G7 C F G F C

1 My shep-herd is the liv - ing God, I there-fore noth-ing need;
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

Am G C F G Am G7 C G C

In pas - tures fair, near pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed.
 A word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

C F C Dm G C Am Dm Am FM7

You bring my wan-dering spir - it back when I for-sake your ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers come and go—

Em C Am Dm Am Em C G7 C

And lead me for your mer - cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
 My cup with bless-ings o - ver-flows, your oil a - noints my head.
 No more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Isaac Watts, London's leading Congregational minister, wrote more than 600 hymns. His paraphrase of Psalm 23 has been altered here by combining a few phrases from Thomas Sternhold, a sixteenth-century English hymnwriter who also wrote metrical psalm texts.


Tune: CONSOLATION C.M.D.
 Southern Harmony, 1835
 Harm. Erik Routley, 1976
 Alternate tune: CRIMOND (Each stanza above becomes two stanzas.)

God Is My Shepherd


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Scottish Psalter, 1650
 Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992

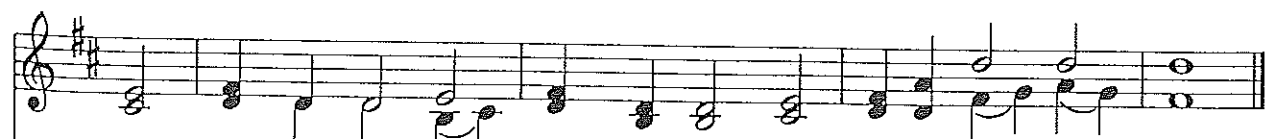
Ps. 23



1 God is my shep-herd, I'll not want, I feed in pas-tures green.
 2 Re - stored to life each morn-ing new, I rise up from the dust
 3 When I must pass through shad-owed vale, where loss and death a - wait,
 4 No en - e - my can o - ver-come, no power on earth de - feat
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my days will sure - ly fol - low me;



God grants me rest and bids me drink from wa - ters calm and clean.
 to fol - low God whose pres - ence gives me con - fi - dence and trust.
 I will not fear for God is there, my shep-herd strong and great,
 the ones a - noint-ed by God's grace and fed with man - na sweet.
 and where God reigns in heaven and earth, my dwell-ing place will be.



Through dai - ly tasks, I'm blessed and led by One I have not seen.
 I praise the name of God to - day; in God I put my trust.
 Whose rod and staff will com - fort me and all my fears a - bate.
 My cup is filled and o - ver-flows as I my Sav - ior greet.
 My shep-herd bless - es, cares, and leads through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Scottish Psalter of 1650, developed over a span of 100 years,
 is still in use today. Its metrical version of Psalm 23 is the most
 popular.

Tune: BROTHER JAMES' AIR 8.6.8.6.8.6.
 James Leith Macbeth Bain, c. 1840-1925