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Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The God We Can Know: I Am the Good Shepherd

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping 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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

A Shepherd's Medley

arr. Tate

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: Awaken from your slumber and bring your fears and anxieties into the presence of the Lord our God.

People: Hear the call of our Shepherd and allow his voice to lead us into the light of his kingdom.

Leader: May the light of Christ shine into the hidden darkness of our lives,

People: and restore us for the service of God! Come, let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 252** (see p. 4)

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

John 10: 11-18

HYMN NO. 531 (see p. 5)

God, Speak to Me That I May Speak

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful God, you have come to us in your Son Jesus to be our Good Shepherd – to lead us through our darkest valleys and to rest beside still waters. And yet we do not always trust your voice. We do not always follow where it is you want to lead us. We make our own paths, and we rely upon our own wisdom. We are less concerned with the well being of all of your sheep, and more concerned with what feels best for our individual selves. Jesus says, “I Am the Good Shepherd” – Jesus asks, “Who do *you* say that I am?”

Time for Silent Reflection

Forgive us, O God, for the times that we have followed our own ways at the expense of where you would lead us. Forgive us for the ways that our wandering has hurt others, and brought uncertainty to those we love. Call to us again, let us hear the voice of our Good Shepherd, and lead us into the light of your Kingdom. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 449 (see p. 6)

Softly and Tenderly

ALL SING: Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; See at the portals Christ waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come home, come home, all who are weary, come home; Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling-calling, “O sinner, come home!”

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not God's mercies, mercies for you and for me? Come home, come home, all who are weary, come home; Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling-calling, “O sinner, come home!”

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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.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us with He Leadeth Me* arr. Berry

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 539 (see p. 7)

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

ALL SING: Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 473 (see p. 8)

Blessed Assurance

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze

by Bach

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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us,
 2. We are yours, in love be friend us,
 3. Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor;

3
 much we need your ten - der care; in your pleas - ant pas - tures
 be the guard - ian of our way; keep your flock, from sin de -
 let us al - ways do your will; Je - sus Christ our on - ly

6
 feed us, for our use your folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed
 - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray. Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed
 Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill. Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed


10
 Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are; 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; Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed

14
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 Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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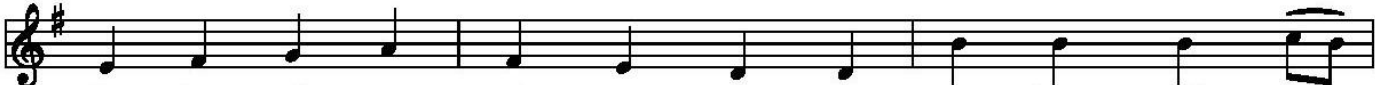
God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. God, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2. O lead me, God, that I may lead some
 3. O fill me with your full - ness, God, your
 4. O use me, God, use ev - en me just

4



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that
 ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and
 as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed

7



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.
 kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

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Softly and Tenderly

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a tempo marking of quarter note = 80. The melody is simple and flowing, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in two columns for the first two staves, and then continue across the staves. The piece ends with a double bar line at the end of the sixth staff.

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
2. Why should we tarr - y when Je - sus is plead - ing,

3
call - ing for you and for me; See at the por - tals Christ
plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and

6
wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me. Come
heed not God's mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?

9
home, come home, all who are wea - ry, come

12
home Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing

15
call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

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Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The piece consists of four lines of music, each with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1. Won't you let me be your ser - vant, 2. When we sing to God in hea - ven let me shall be find as such Christ to you? har - mo - ny, Pray that I all may have the grace to Born of all we've known to - geth - er let of you Christ's be love my and ser - vant, too. ag - o - ny.

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2. When we sing to God in hea - ven

3
let me shall be find as such Christ to you?
we shall find as such har - mo - ny,

5
Pray that I all may have the grace to
Born of all we've known to - geth - er

7
let of you Christ's be love my and ser - vant, too.
of Christ's be love my and ser - vant, too.
ag - o - ny.

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Blessed Assurance

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my

4

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal -
rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de -
Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and

6

- va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of the
- scend - ing, bring from a - bove ech - oes of
wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with God's

8

Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood. This is my sto - ry, this is my
mer - cy, whis - pers of love. love.
good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

11

song, prai - sing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my

14

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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