

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Like a Shepherd

by Dufford

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Jesus is the good shepherd...

P: the one who tends us, guides us into pastures, who knows our names.

L: Jesus is the good shepherd...

P: the one who bends to heal us, travels through the deepest valleys with us, who gives up everything for us all.

L: Jesus is the good shepherd...

P: the one whose rod and staff comforts us, whose strength and love holds us, whose cup of love runneth over.

L: Jesus is the good shepherd...

P: and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

L: Let us gather here as the Good Shepherd's flock.

P: We gather as God's people, in God's love, for God's world.

OPENING HYMN NO. 252 (black hymnal, see p. 3) *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Gentle Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ our Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (see p. 4)

Halle, Halle, Halle

ALL SING: I am the resurrection, live in me. I am the way, the truth, follow me. I am the resurrection, live in me. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

SUNDAY SONGS

Down in My Heart

Traditional

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER

Felicia Ensminger

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reid Michael Ensminger

HYMN NO. 325 (black hymnal, see p. 5)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

John 10: 11-18 & Psalm 23

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

The Lord's My Shepherd

arr. Avalos

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.

CLOSING HYMN NO. 247 (black hymnal, see p. 6)

My Shepherd is the Living God

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze

by Bach

Thank you to Deb Herlocker for reading Scripture this morning! Thank you to Joe Vacante & John Schriver for serving on the tech team. Thank you to Andrew Texter, Paula Strayer, & Jordyn Myers for serving on the praise team.

¹ The Call to Worship is adapted from liturgy that was first published on the New Kilpatrick Parish Church website (<https://www.nkchurch.org.uk/>) and later posted on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/04/call-to-worship-i-am-good-shepherd.html> and accessed on April 19, 2021.

² The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Mindi Welton Mitchell and was published on her website rev-olution.org and later posted on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/05/easter-4-confession-assurance.html> and accessed on April 19, 2021.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of five systems of music, each with a measure number (3, 6, 10, 14) at the beginning. The lyrics are arranged in three columns under each system of music.

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.

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Piano 

1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized with the
2. Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre - a - tion,
3. Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you are, from
4. Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose

4 

Spir - it's sign; With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and
loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and
God you came. Back to God we hum - bly give you; live as one who
child you are. Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God

8 

grace di - vine.
laugh - ter lead.
bears Christ's name.
more than all.

My Shepherd is the Living God

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time with a tempo of 80 beats per minute. It consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with each line of music corresponding to a line of text. The lyrics are: 1. My shep - herd is the liv - ing God, I; 2. When I walk through the shades of death, your; 3. The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - there - fore noth - ing need; In pas - tures fair, near pres - ence is my stay; A word of your sup - tend me all my days; O may your house be pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed. You - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way. Your my a - bode, and all my work be praise. There bring my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers come and ways, And lead me for your mer - cy's sake in spread; My cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your go; No more a stran - ger or a guest, but paths of truth and grace. oil a - noints my head. like a child at home.

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