



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Good Shepherd Sunday  
25 April 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Voluntary

Sonata in C: Allegro

Arcangelo Corelli

**\*Ringing of the Bell**

*The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.*

**\*Call to Worship**

Emily Brower

Leader: O come, let us bow down and worship,  
People: **let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**  
Leader: For the Lord is our God; We are the Lord's people,  
People: **the flock that God shepherds in the pasture.**  
Leader: Let us listen to the Shepherd's voice today!  
People: **Let us be thankful and give praise.**

Based on Psalm 95:6-7

**\*Hymn**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*Bradbury*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us: much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.  
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.  
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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Christian K. Choi

**Good Shepherd, hear our cries that we lift up to you. You have called us to follow you and to care for all who are close to us, to take time to know one another and to love as you love. Yet, we often do not speak for the voiceless, defend the oppressed and abused, work for justice to the exploited, or make peace for those experiencing violence. Forgive us and teach us once more to follow you, to spread compassion and to walk with conviction to be shepherds in your name. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.**

**\*Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

**\*Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.  
People: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**  
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Response of Praise** Gloria Patri

**Children's Sermon**

**Response** Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*Children pre-K through grade 5 depart with Mrs. Sherrick for Sunday School.  
Parents are invited to meet their children in Parish Hall after worship*

**First Scripture Reading** Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup> God makes me lie down in green pastures;  
and leads me beside still waters;  
<sup>3</sup> God restores my soul.  
God leads me in right paths  
for God's name sake.  
<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

**Music** Poem

Zdenek Fibich

## Second Scripture Reading

John 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

My Shepherd

Rev. Christian K. Choi

*Text: “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.” Psalm 23:1*

## Music

Andantino

Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky

## \*Affirmation of Faith

*Philippians 2*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form Christ humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death --- even death on a cross.  
Therefore, God also highly exalted Christ  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!  
Amen.

## The Church at Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Soloist: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

## The Lord's Prayer

## Introduction to Offering

**\*Offertory Response** Doxology

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Strengthen us to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

**\*Hymn** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need *Resignation*

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.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Voluntary** Sortie in G-Major Théodore Solomé

*(\*) The congregation is invited to stand.*

*The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of  
Erin Elzea and her Grandmothers, Naomi Elzea and Pat Calcaterra  
by Chris, Butch, Meg, and Meredith Elzea.*

### **Worship Participants**

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff  
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry  
Emily Brower, Liturgist and Youth Assistant in Sunday School  
Karen Sherrick, Director for Children's Ministry  
Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts  
Lyle VanDeventer, Bass  
Kamen Petkov, Violinist  
Elsie and Bob Fox, Videographers  
Judy Ridinger, Greeter  
Jessica Borland, Mary Peura, Jess Weitzel, Ushers  
Rich Canady and John Stafford, Safety Team