

May 3, 2020 (Zoom on-line worship service)

## **VIRTUAL PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

## **WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASTORAL GREETING**

## **RINGING OF THE BELL**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Aaron Carle

The Shepherd calls us by name and leads us to abundant life.

We hear your voice and hasten to follow.

The Shepherd prepares a table and lavishly pours out grace.

We hear your invitation and take our place at the feast.

The Shepherd gathers us in and welcomes us to the house of the Lord.

We hear your call and give you praise.

## **HYMN**

### ***“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”***

Music: Irish melody, harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

Text: Henry Williams Baker, 1868

*The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.*

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.*

*Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction, grace bestoweth:  
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!*

*And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We have gone astray, O Shepherd. You call us to follow, and we hear your voice. Yet, we choose to heed other voices—voices that promise status and comfort and a carefree life. But such promises are empty, and *that* life does not satisfy. Call to us again, O Shepherd. Summon us onto right paths to pursue justice in your name, to seek after the well-being of all. Lead us to the table you prepare for us—where rivals share both bread and blessings and discover there is enough for all.

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Beth Newell

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Psalm 23**

#### **The Divine Shepherd**

A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

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.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;



## **HYMN**

### **“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

Music: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859, alt.

Text: Thrupp’s *Hymns for the Young*, 1836, alt.

*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.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.*

*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 Thy 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.*

## **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Now go forth in Jesus’ name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us.

May the love of the holy triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – abide with you forever. Alleluia!