

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH 22, 2023 . 12:00 PM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

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J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

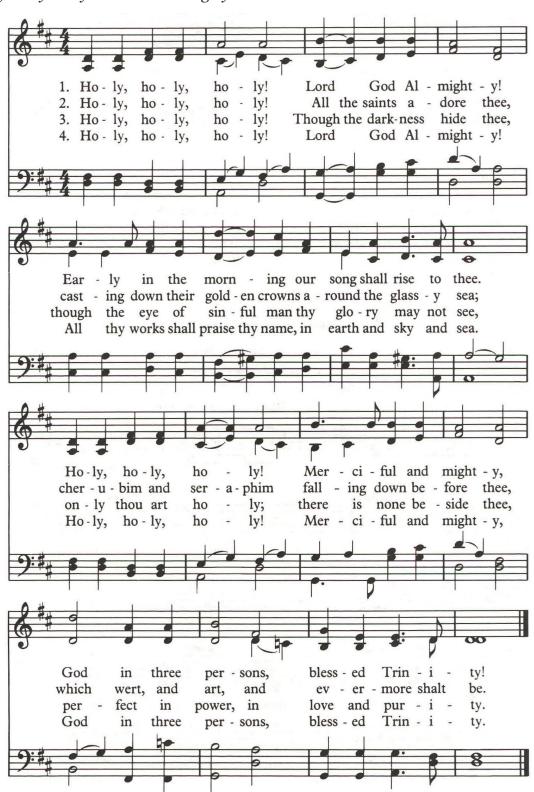
THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come, walk in green pastures and lie down in them.

People: We follow and trust the Good Shepherd.

Minister: Come, dine at the table of abundance and dwell in God's house.

People: We are fed by the Good Shepherd, and we live in his care.



Reginald Heber, 1826

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted. In the midst of your many blessings, we complain of not having enough. In the presence of danger, we fail to trust your abiding love. When you set a table before us, we turn aside from you. Call us back into your care and help us trust your caring presence, that our actions may proclaim your truth. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news! God's love for us is never ending. It is never too late to return to his flock. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE LESSON Psalm 23

† following the reading

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Good Shepherd

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Psalm 23 (op. 37)

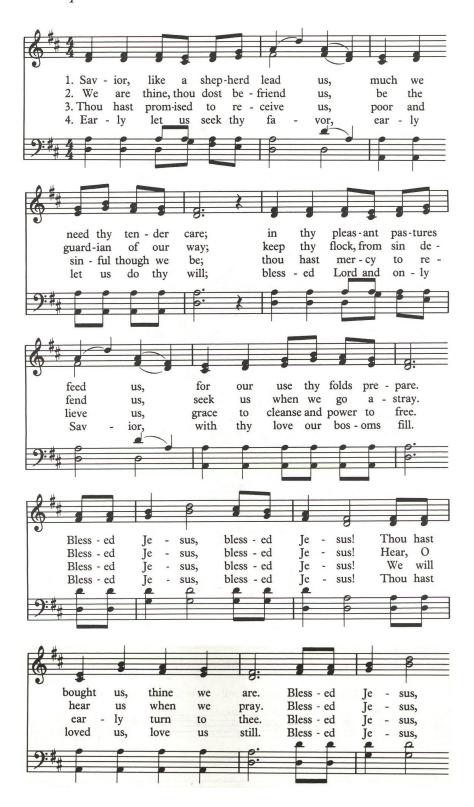
Paul Creston (1906-1985)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Will Green, tenor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER



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Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836

BLESSING *

Nourished by the Shepherd's abundant love, go forth to walk in the paths of righteousness. Love one another in truth and action. May God's abundant blessings abide in you forever.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 623

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Preaching: Rev. Leslie Lyons Watkins, Associate Minister

Music: Oliver Brett, Associate Organist & Choirmaster

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