

Grace United Church of Christ



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We Gather

Prelude "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Jonas Dawson
William B. Bradbury, arr. Marriane Kim

Welcome

Preparing our Hearts

Call to Worship

L: We all like sheep have gone astray.

P: May the Good Shepherd gather us into the flock once again.

L: Come let us worship and bow down.

P: Let us kneel before the LORD, our God, our Maker.

L: For this is our God and we are the people of God's pasture.

P: We are the sheep of God's hand. Let us worship God

Opening Hymn "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" NCH # 252 insert

Opening Prayer

We Listen

First Reading Acts 2:42-47 Jonas Dawson

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847)

John 10:1-29

From Hymns for the Young, 1836; alt.

St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807-1886)

1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten - der care;
 1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,
 2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;

in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre - pare.
 Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are;
 E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,
 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;

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The theme of Christ as shepherd is familiar and beloved to Christians. Emma Lyons Doyle, granddaughter of Laiana (translator Lorenzo Lyons), once said, "If you want to know the full beauty of this hymn, hear it sung in Hawaiian."

Tune: BRADBURY 8.7.8.7.D.
 William B. Bradbury, 1859

Responsive Reading Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my Shepherd

P: I shall not want

L: He makes me lie down in green pastures

P: and leads me beside the still waters

L: He restores my soul.

**P: and guides me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake**

L: Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death

P: I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.

L: Thy rod and thy staff

P: They comfort me.

L: Thou preparest a table before me

P: In the presence of mine enemies

L: Thou anointest my head with oil.

P: And my cup overflows

L: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me

P: All the days of my life

L: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

P: for ever.

Special Music

Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

George N. Allen, arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1952)

Jonas Dawson

Gospel

John 10:1-10

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Children's Message

Sermon

"Rules of the Game"

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

We Respond

Pastoral Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: ...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and
living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Leader: ...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Ho-
ly Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Sharing of the Elements

Blessing after Communion

God of us all, In the gift of bread and cup we celebrate your presence in our church and in our lives. As your presence unites us in the gift of this holy meal, so we know that in your love we are united wherever we are. Keep true in us that same spirit that has united the Church throughout all generations and bring us soon into physical communion, through that same spirit, which is Christ, the Lord. Amen.

We are Sent

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn

"Gentle Shepherd"

(W&S 3096) (insert)

Dismissal

Postlude

"Christians, We Have Met to Worship"

Jonas Dawson

William Moore, Mark Hayes (b. 1952), arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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## Gentle Shepherd

Gen - tle Shep - herd, — come and lead us, — for we

need you to help us find our way. — Gen - tle

Shep - herd, — come and feed us, — for we need your

strength from day to day. — There's no oth - er — we can

turn to — who can help us face an - oth - er

day; \_\_\_\_\_ gen-tle Shep - herd, \_\_\_\_\_ come and lead us, \_\_\_\_\_

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It features a melodic line with a long note on the first staff, followed by several chords and a final long note. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and some melodic movement.

\_\_\_\_\_ for we need you to help us find our way. \_\_\_\_\_

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The upper staff continues the melody from the first system, ending with a long note. The lower staff continues the accompaniment, ending with a long note. The lyrics are positioned between the two staves.





# Daily Bible Readings

Friday, May 1, 2020:

Psalm 23; Exodus 3:16-22, 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17

Saturday, May 2, 2020:

Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7

Sunday, May 3, 2020: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47 • Psalm 23 • 1 Peter 2:19-25 • John 10:1-10

Monday, May 4, 2020: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday, May 5, 2020: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21

Wednesday, May 6, 2020: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, May 7, 2020: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15

Friday, May 8, 2020: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16

Saturday, May 9, 2020: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59

Sunday, May 10, 2020: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60 • Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 • 1 Peter 2:2-10 • John 14:1-14

Monday, May 11, 2020: Psalm 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40

Tuesday, May 12, 2020: Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56

Wednesday, May 13, 2020: Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38

Thursday, May 14, 2020: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12

Friday, May 15, 2020: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38

Saturday, May 16, 2020: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29

Sunday, May 17, 2020: Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 17:22-31 • Psalm 66:8-20 • 1 Peter 3:13-22 • John 14:15-21

Monday, May 18, 2020: Psalm 93; Genesis 9:8-17; Acts 27:39-44

Tuesday, May 19, 2020: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:8-12

Wednesday, May 20, 2020: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 31:1-13; John 16:16-24

Thursday, May 21, 2020: Ascension of the Lord  
Acts 1:1-11 • Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 • Ephesians 1:15-23 • Luke 24:44-53

Friday, May 22, 2020: Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ephesians 2:1-7

Saturday, May 23, 2020: Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30

Sunday, May 24, 2020: Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Acts 1:6-14 • Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 • 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 • John 17:1-11

Monday, May 25, 2020: Psalm 99; Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4:1-6

Tuesday, May 26, 2020: Psalm 99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Wednesday, May 27, 2020: Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36

Thursday, May 28, 2020: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:1-9a; Acts 2:1-11

Friday, May 29, 2020: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:16-25; Romans 8:14-17

Saturday, May 30, 2020: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 20:1-21; Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, May 31, 2020: Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth  
1 Samuel 2:1-10 • Psalm 113 • Romans 12:9-16b • Luke 1:39-57

Sunday, May 31, 2020: Day of Pentecost  
Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b •  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 • John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39



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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Scripture Reader: ONLINE  
Children's Message: N/A  
Children's Church: N/A  
Altar Guild: N/A

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship,  
please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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