April 21, 2024 **Fourth Sunday in Easter**

*indicates when you are invited to stand **BOLDED WORDS** are read aloud together

GATHERING

We are drawn together as God's beloved community

PRELUDE

Prelude

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD;

For the LORD is our Shepherd and we are the people of God's pasture, the flock under God's care.

Come, let us hear the Word of God, the Good News, the Hope of all the World.

We know the Good Shepherd because we recognize Christ's voice.

*HYMN OF GATHERING #623 I've Got Peace Like a River

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

O God of shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*GLORIA #582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen

World without end, without end, Amen. (3x)As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, Amen

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

GOD'S WORD

We hear the testimony of God's faithful acts

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, before this world's days even began, your Word was in the beginning, and it was with you and it was you. The mystery of that brings us to our knees. Yet today you allow us to open your Word and know you better. So we ask that you would give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Give us hearts open to your Spirit as we seek you. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ps. 23 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

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SECOND LESSON

John 10:11-18 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jesus is the Good Shepherd

*HYMN OF REFLECTION #187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

OFFERING PRAYER

*DOXOLOGY #608

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After the spoken prayer, there will be an open time of prayer for the congregation to offer a short sentence of prayer. Leader: Lord, In your mercy, Congregational refrain: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kin-dom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE SENDING

We move out into the world by the power of the Spirit in boldness

*HYMN OF SENDING #803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Quietude

NPC Pick-up Choir from Sister Act

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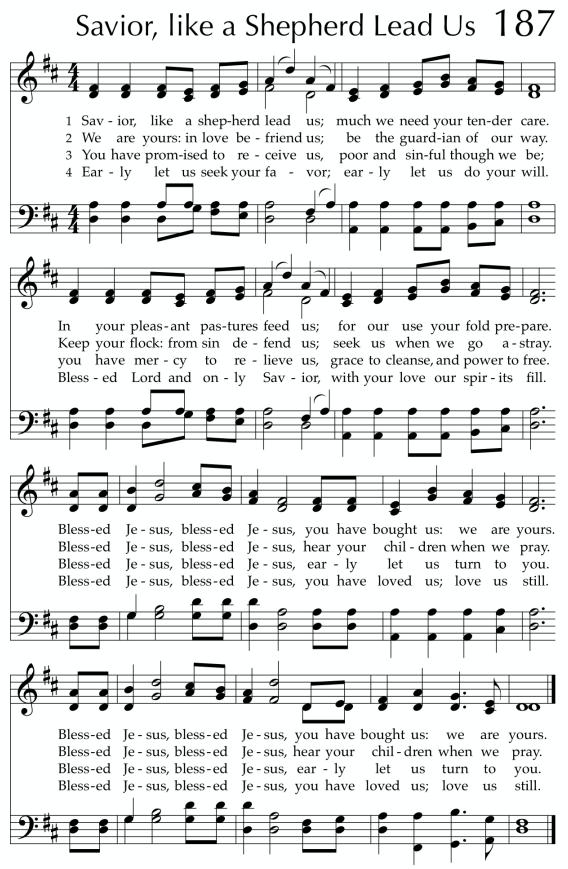
THE EUCHARIST

We offer ourselves in thanksgiving. With gratitude, we receive God's gifts.

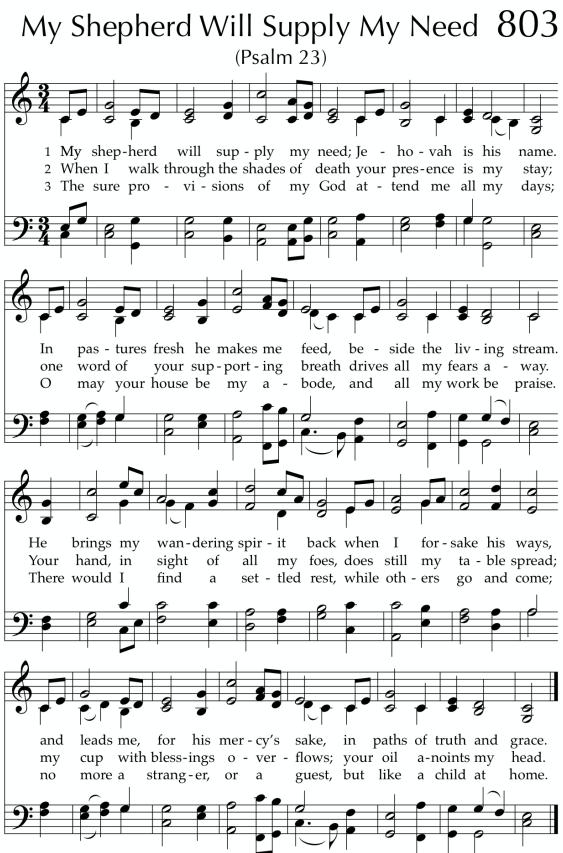
ADORATION



In the King James Version, the promise of "peace like a river" is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God's will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians' baptismal identity.



This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.



The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.