



ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday in Lent
(for live streaming of service during pandemic)

PRELUDE

John Finney, organ

INTROIT: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God awakens us and restores our souls.

All: Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.

One: The shepherd who guides us is the shepherd who restores our souls,

**All: We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys,
for this shepherd is the ruler of all creation.**

HYMN: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #429

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.*

*We are thine; in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock; from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when we pray.*

*Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Restore us by the grace and power of your Holy Spirit,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

PASSING OF THE PEACE

A WORD FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM: The Lord is My Shepherd

Howard Goodall

Laurie Stewart Otten, soprano; Shannon Lebrón, mezzo-soprano
Christian Figueroa, tenor; Garrett Murphy, baritone

*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.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for you are with me, you will comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23

GOSPEL LESSON: John 9:1-7

HYMN: O Christ, the Healer (verses 1, 2, and 5)

Maryton

Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #402
*O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.*

SERMON: God's Good Work

Matt Wooster

HYMN: We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

Passion Chorale

Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #395
*We yearn, O Christ, for wholeness and for your healing touch;
Too long have we felt helpless; our burdens seemed too much.*

*Forgetting all pretenses we make our pleadings heard,
In hope and expectation await your gracious word.*

*We long to have companions who travel by our side,
Strong friends to call and answer with whom we are allied;
As we lift up each other when struggles lay us low,
Community will flourish; our faith and caring grow.*

*We need your living presence, O Christ of Galilee,
A presence that revives us and sets our spirits free.
No longer are we fearful, your love pervades each place.
Empower us with courage to claim your healing grace.*

SHARING OF CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN: Be Thou My Vision (verses 1, 2, and 4)

Slane

Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #445

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my Redeemer, my love thou hast won;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Rev. Matt Wooster
Liturgists: Anne Marie Holloway, Judy Swahnberg