# Welcome to Worship!

Apríl 25, 2021

4th Sunday of Easter

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** Sinfonia in C Major

J. S. Bach

## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP BASED ON PSALM 23

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

Leader: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: 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.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. Amen

OPENING HYMN: For the Beauty No. 40

## UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

Lord, we wonder who we can turn to in times of our distress and peril in our lives. Remind us of your grace, your love, and your providence as when you taught us to pray saying....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 forever. Amen

GLORIA PATRI No. 734

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ: And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

### THE MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

READING OF THE WORD

Gospel: John 10: 11-18 John 3: 16-24

**SERMON** Human Scapegoats

HYMN OF REFLECTION: The Lord My Shepherd No. 73

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING** 

**OFFERTORY** Give me Jesus

While we are not physically together we encourage you to mail your offering (P.O. Box 128, Greenland, NH 03840); or give online by clicking on the icon on our Facebook page. Thank you.

Sanborn

DOXOLOGY No. 34

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN: God is Here No. 1

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Simple Gifts Raney

### HYMNS FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

OPENING HYMN: For the Beauty No. 40

- 1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- **2.** For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- **3.** For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- **4.** For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- **5.** For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

- 1. The lord my Shepherd guards me well, and all my wants are fed; amid green pasture made to lie, beside still waters led. My care-worn soul grows strong and whole when God's true path I tread.
- **2.** Though I should walk in darkest ways through valleys like the grace, no evil shall I ever fear; your presence makes me brave. On my behalf your rod and staff assure me you will save.
- **3.** For me a table has been spread where all my foes can see; you bathe my head with fragrant oil to soothe and honor me. My heart and cup are both filled up with joyful ecstasy.
- **4.** Your steadfast love will follow me to shield me all my days and bring me to your holy house, redeemed from error's ways, my whole life long to join the song of those who sing God's praise.

## CLOSING HYMN: God is Here No. 1

- 1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit in to open minds and hearts.
- **2.** Here are symbols to remind us of our life-long need of grace: here are table, font, and pulpit, here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
- **3.** Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
- **4**. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

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GOD CALLS US TOGETHER TO WELCOME ALL
AND TO SERVE GOD, EACH OTHER, THIS COMMUNITY,
AND THE WORLD
IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST'S LOVE.

**❖** ALL ARE WELCOME! ❖