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**APRIL 25, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**REFLECTION**

*In most, when you go to church, most churches when they have images of the good shepherd, they show Jesus carrying a nice fluffy lamb. Now fluffy little lambs don't stray from their mommy's. The sheep that will stray is the most obstreperous, troublesome one. - Desmond Tutu*

**PRELUDE**

*"Songs of the Shepherd"*

Various Composers

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER**

Come, walk in green pastures.

**We follow the Shepherd.**

Come, lie down in green pastures.

**We trust the Shepherd.**

Come, dine at the table of abundance.

**We are fed by the Shepherd.**

Come, dwell in God's house.

**We live in the Shepherd's care.**

**HYMN No. 187, St. 1, 2, & 4** *"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us;  
For our use your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have bought us: we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way.  
Keep your flock: from sin defend us;  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear your children when we pray.  
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Hear your children when we pray.

Early let us seek your favor;  
Early let us do your will.  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have loved us; love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have loved us; love us still.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

**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.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the midst of all that you fear, God is with you. God will not abandon you. Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, laid down his life for you and offers you hope and peace. Amen.

**HYMN 581**

*“Glory Be to the Father”*

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*“Majesty”*

Jack W. Hayford

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

*Psalm 23*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

*John 10:1-18*

**SERMON**

*“WIJD: As a Shepherd”*

Rev. William Schram

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*“Sheep May Safely Grace”*

J. S. Bach, arr. E. Power Biggs

**PRAYER & THE 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, forever. Amen.**

**HYMN**

*“He Leadeth Me”*

HE LEADETH ME

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

**Refrain:**

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
by his own hand he leadeth me;  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. **Refrain**

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **Refrain**

And when my task on earth is done,  
when by thy grace the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me. **Refrain**

*#128 THE UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*"The Heavens Are Telling"*

Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Lyndell Leatherman

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Rev. William Schram

Rev. Barbara Piercy

Sue Jones & Noel Piercy

Alan Smulen, Cantor & Soloist

Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers

**SERMON QUESTIONS**

1. What do you think of when you hear the word "sheep?"
2. What are examples of good shepherds?
3. In what ways do we share the role of shepherd?
4. On the Sunday after Earth Day, consider that as shepherds we not only lead sheep to green pastures, but are also called to maintain, protect, and ensure that there will be green pastures and clean still waters in the future.