

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN

May 3, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open the gate! The Shepherd is coming!

*We hear his glad voice calling us by name,
Leading us to green pastures.*

No stranger's voice will we follow.

We follow only the One who brings us home.

*One door, one flock, one fold.
Open the gate! The Good Shepherd comes!*

HYMN # 387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

Savior, like – a – shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care.

In thy pleas-ant- pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus. Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

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Thou hast prom-ised – to receive us, poor and sinful though we be.

Thou hast mer-cy – to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee.

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Early let – us – seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will.

Blessed Lord and only Sav-ior – with Thy love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Oh God, we do not want to admit that our possessions possess us. Yet, we do seem captive to all the things we have acquired and all the things we want. We are reluctant to share too much, lest we be deprived of the comforts we cherish. We do not want to suffer for our faith. There are limits to our willingness to follow Jesus. O God, help us to trust You beyond these limits. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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 ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

OFFERING SENTENCES

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DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May we follow You, Good Shepherd, not only on the mountains and plains of comfort, but also through the valleys of difficulty. Receive these gifts, we pray, as part of that life which we offer up to You, to be transformed into Your ministries of grace and goodness in our world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 23
John 10:1-10

SERMON

“The Good Shepherd”

Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 329

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

*Break Thou the Bread of Life, Dear Lord, to me.
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page, I seek Thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word!*

*Bless Thou the truth, Dear Lord, now unto me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Shepherd God, You have blessed us with peace as tranquil as a flowing stream; peace that nourishes as food and sleep; peace that is stronger than death. You call us to rest in Your care that we may live with courage. Though fears beset us, Your love will comfort us again. Though death is no stranger, You shall be our last and best friend. We thank You, Shepherd God, for this meal, and for Your love that fills us to overflowing. Amen.

HYMN # 172

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

*My Shepherd will supply my need. Jehovah is His name.
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways.
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death, Your presence is my stay.
One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows. Your oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.
O may Your House be my abode, and all my works be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come.
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet,
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

TO THE KITCHEN FOR COFFEE!

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