

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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3 May 2020

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### Prayer of Preparation

*O God, you knew us even before we were born, and you knew we would each wander off into trouble like sheep. Thank you for opening the door to the sheepfold and calling us home. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

### Welcome

### Chiming of the Trinity

### Call to Worship (based on Psalm 23)

You, O God, are our Shepherd.

**You provide everything we need.**

You let us rest in green meadows and lead us beside quiet streams.

**You renew our strength and guide us in ways that bring honor to your name.**

Even when we walk through difficult valleys, we will not fear,

**For you never are far away protecting and comforting, guarding and guiding our steps.**

You prepare a feast for us in the presence of our enemies.

**You welcome us and lavish your blessings on us like fine oil upon our heads.**

We know that your goodness and love will continue to pursue us all the days of our lives,

**and that we will spend eternity in your presence.**

### Hymn

**“I Want Jesus To Walk With Me”**

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Patient God, we wander off so easily. We feel smug in our own abilities to manage and control our lives, so we ignore you. Like sheep, we each stray from your wondrous love. Forgive us, we pray. Heal our brokenness and fears. Remind us again that you lead us in gentle paths and by quiet waters – when the paths are stony and the waves tumultuous, help us to remember your protection and care. Continue your work of gathering us into your loving fold. Help us to extend that same love and care to others. In Jesus Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

**Summary of the Law**

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”** **Matthew 22:37-39**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**New Testament Lesson**

**John 10:11-18**

**Sermon**

*The Good Shepherd Speaks*

Rev. Edward Bellis

**Hymn 187**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

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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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

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, you have loved us; love us still.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Today’s music was led by Pat K. Rowlett, Beth Foley, Dennis Harke, Charles Francis, and Vance Harper Jones (pianist)**