

# CELEBRATING THE SABBATH

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER  
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

May 3, 2020 at 10 o'clock



*Living in Spirit • Committed to Service • Open to All*

*Like a shepherd, he will care for his flock, gathering the lambs in his arms,  
Hugging them as he carries them, leading the nursing ewes to good pasture.*

Isaiah 40:11 The Message

PRELUDE

*Sheep May Safely Graze*

J. S. Bach

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

**We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,  
who calls us each by name,  
who restores our souls,  
who leads us in the way of righteousness,  
and whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us.  
This is the God we have come to worship!**

HYMN:

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
Stanzas 1 & 3 – Join as you are able!

[Click here to see hymn](#)

**Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all.**

**Verse 1: Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings**

**Verse 3: The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and you lead us  
to safety through the valleys of death.  
Guide us by your voice, so that we may walk in certainty and security  
to the joyous feast prepared in your house, where we celebrate with you forever. Amen.**

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Lauren Dube

ANTHEM arr. Roger Price  
*The Lord's My Shepherd*  
First Church Virtual Choir  
Michael McAvaney, soloist and Liz Oman, flute

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jane Cave  
Psalm 23  
John 10:1-10

SERMON Erica Avena  
*In Green Pastures and Beside Still Waters*

#### A TIME OF 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.

#### RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

Offertory arr. Mark Sweizer  
*The King of Love my Shepherd Is*  
First Church Virtual Choir; Nicole Dickinson, soloist

Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN: [Click here to see hymn](#)  
*God is My Shepherd*  
Stanzas 1 & 2 – Join as you are able!

**God is my shepherd, I'll not want, I feed in pastures green.  
God grants me rest and bids me drink from waters calm and clean.  
Through daily tasks, I'm blessed and led by one I have not seen.**

**Restored to life each morning new, I rise up from the dust  
to follow God whose presence gives me confidence and trust.  
I praise the name of God today; in God I put my trust.**

#### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Johann Walther  
*Gott des Himmels und der Erden*  
*"God Who Made Earth and Heaven"*