

# Woodridge Congregational Church – UCC

April 25, 2021

## Fourth Sunday of Easter Worship

### Gathering Music      *This Little Light of Mine*

Composer: Harry Dixon Loes

Arranger/Producer: Bob Ryan

This lit-tle light of mine\_\_\_ I'm gon-na let it shine,\_\_\_

5 This lit-tle light of mine\_\_\_ I'm gon-na let it shine.\_\_\_ This lit-tle light of mine

10 \_\_\_ I'm gon-na let it shine,\_\_\_ let it shine,\_\_\_ let it shine,\_\_\_ let it shine.\_\_\_

#### verse 2

This little joy of mine I'm gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

#### verse 3

This little hope of mine I'm gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

#### verse 4

This little love of mine I'm gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

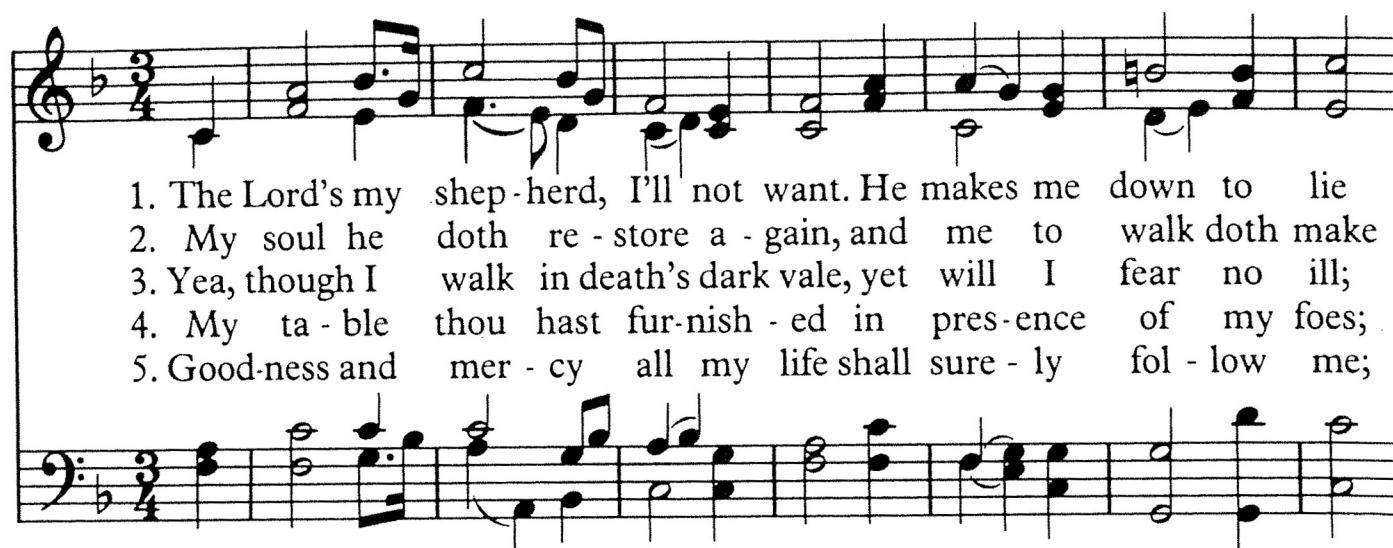
<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

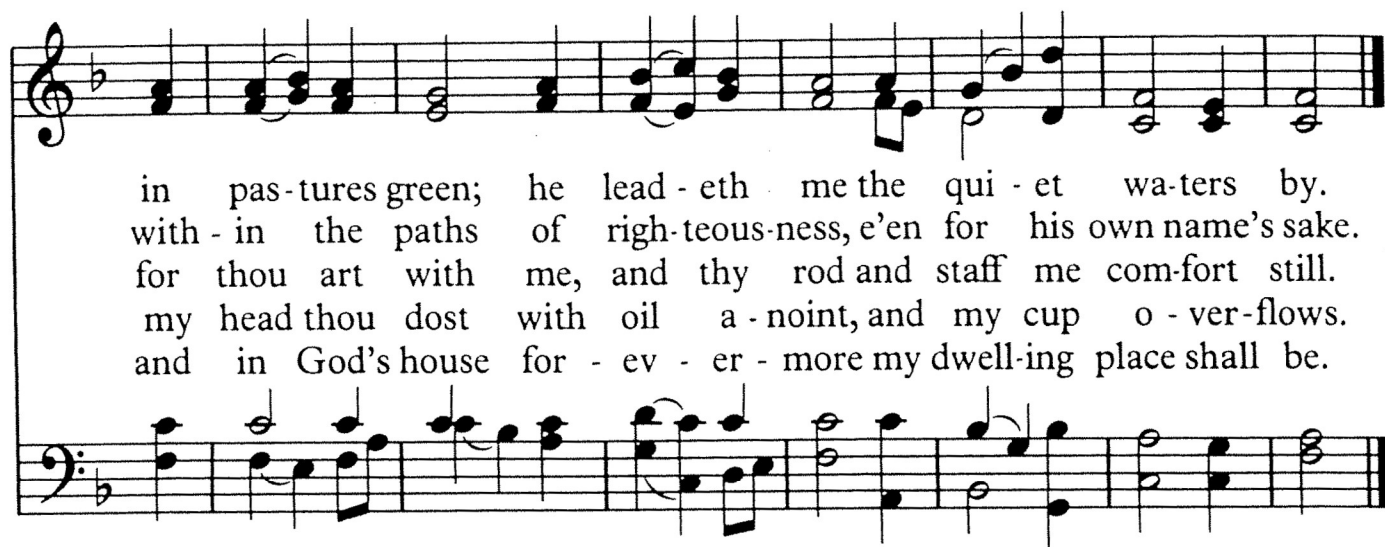
Hymn

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

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1. The Lord's my shep-herd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
 2. My soul he doth re-store a-gain, and me to walk doth make  
 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
 4. My ta-ble thou hast fur-nish-ed in pres-ence of my foes;  
 5. Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall sure-ly fol-low me;



in pas-tures green; he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.  
 with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com-fort still.  
 my head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.  
 and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing place shall be.

WORDS: *Scottish Psalter*, 1650 (Ps. 23)

MUSIC: Jesse Seymour Irvine, 1872; harm. by TCL. Pritchard, 1929

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Scripture Reading: John 10: 11 - 18 (NRSV)

<sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

<sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Sermon

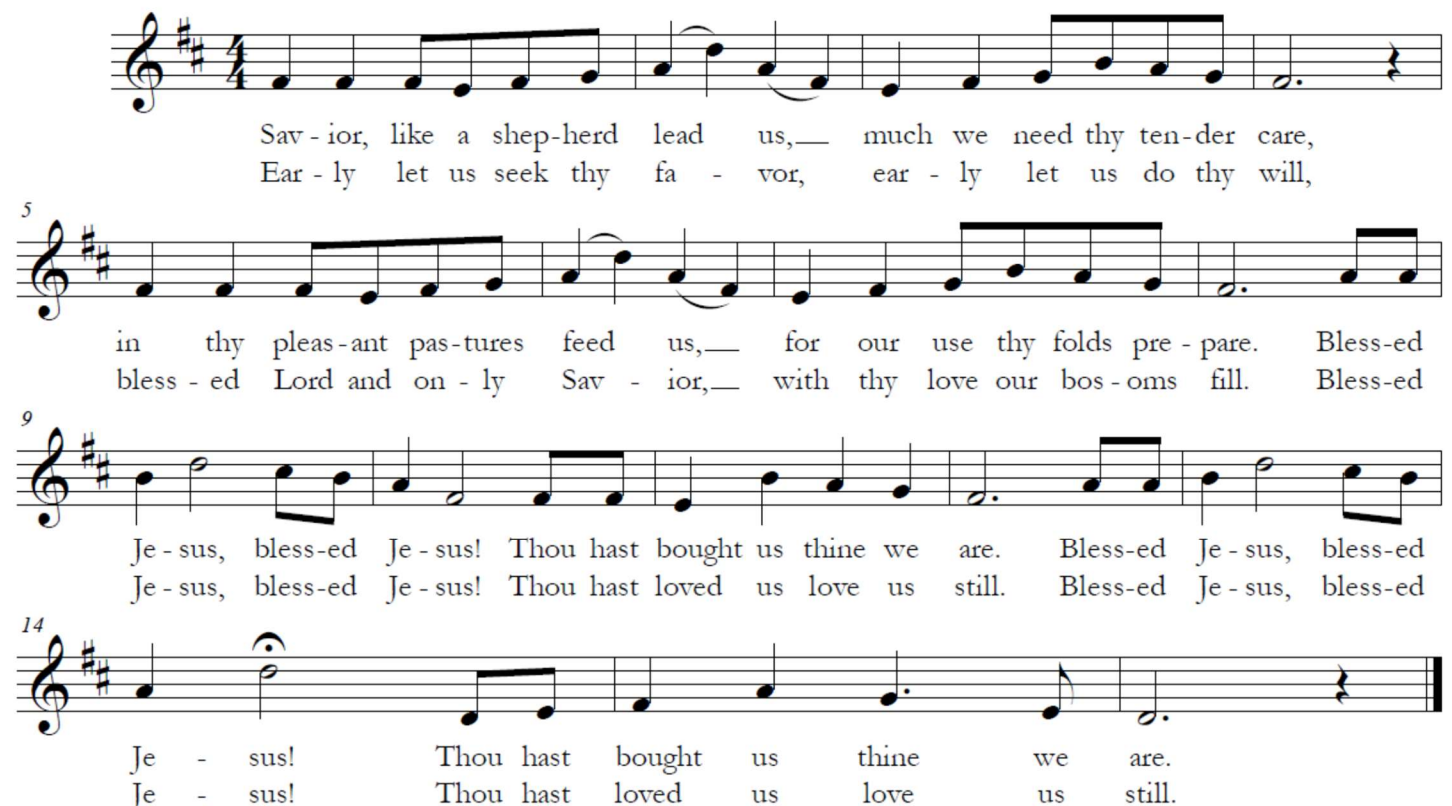
“Trusting the Good Shepherd”

Rev. Scott Spencer

Hymn

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

W. B. Bradbury



Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us,— much we need thy ten-der care,  
Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will,  
5 in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us,— for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless-ed  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior,— with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless-ed  
9 Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us thine we are. Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed  
Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us love us still. Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed  
14 Je - sus! Thou hast bought us thine we are.  
Je - sus! Thou hast loved us love us still.

# Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

## Offering & Dedication

## Benediction

## Benediction Response

### *Go in Peace*

K. E. White

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the

6 peace of God be with you al - ways. Cel - e - brate and share the joy! Cel - e - brate new

12 life! Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways.