

April 30, 2023 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter

Gathering Music ~ "O How He Loves You and Me" (K. Kaiser) ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements ~ Judy McGregor, liturgist

Prelude ~ "A Shield About Me" (D. Thomas & C. Williams)

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Jesus, you have conquered death and brought us back to new life.

People: We give thanks and praise to you for your great power and love.

Leader: God has not just given us new life, but abundant life.

People: Spirit, lead us into this life of abundant love and service. Amen.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn #35 ~ "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Lord, you are our shepherd who guides us to still waters and safe places. You have abundantly given to us. For the times we like sheep have gone astray and followed false shepherds, forgive us. O Lord. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #625 ~ "How Great Thou Art!" (refrain)

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!
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Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #399 ~ "God Welcomes All"

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

Offering Prayer

**Doxology#606 ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Avery & Marsh)*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 23

Special Music ~ *“Sinner Saved By Grace”* (M. McDonald) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ John 10:1-10

Message ~ “Life Abundantly!”

*Hymn #701 ~ *“Sanctuary”* (x2)

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Prayer Preparation#469 ~ *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*
Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The Lord’s Prayer ~ *in unison*

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 #187 ~ *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

*Benediction

*Choral Response #614 ~ *“Great Are You, Lord”*

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!
Great are you, Lord!

Postlude ~ *“Grace Alone”* (M. Hayes)

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ROMANS following worship TODAY.

From Cheryl Dove...The St. Paul’s Mission Trip to the World Medical Relief Center on April 25 was a huge success. We had 11 volunteers. The WMRC team was very impressed and thankful with our hard-working team and all we accomplished. The St. Paul’s Mission Team wishes to say a huge thank-you to our volunteers.

From Karen Barsy...New Session of Moving with the Spirit began on Tuesday April 18, 2023. This is a 10-week session, ending on June 20, 2023. Classes focus on stretching, range of motion, and gentle exercises to gain strength, flexibility and improve balance. We move to music and scripture readings and have a really fun time together! Following the basic

class is a more involved 1/2 hour with floor exercises and use of therapy balls. You can come for 1 hour or stay for the extra time! The additional time is a bonus for those that are interested.

Cost for this series is \$50, payable to Karen Barsy. Payment can be given directly to Karen or dropped off in the church office for her. This can be done in one payment or broken down into two payments of \$25 each. Can't wait to get started!!

Classes meet in Rm. 11 on Tuesday mornings at 10:30am. The option to sign on through Google Meet is available. Any questions call Karen at 734-765-2356. Let's get moving! Let's Praise God in song and dance, as we strengthen our minds, bodies, and souls together in Christian Fellowship.

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE



Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August and Faith Kornowicz
Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim and Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson
Nate Statly ~ friend of Joey Nicholas
Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips; sister-in law and nephew of Pat Garvey
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; Westin ~ infant grandson of Jeanne Sinclair
John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham
Sharon and George and Rita Czanko ~ cousins of Terry Earnley
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley
Mike Hyatt ~ friend of Judy McGregor
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen
Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

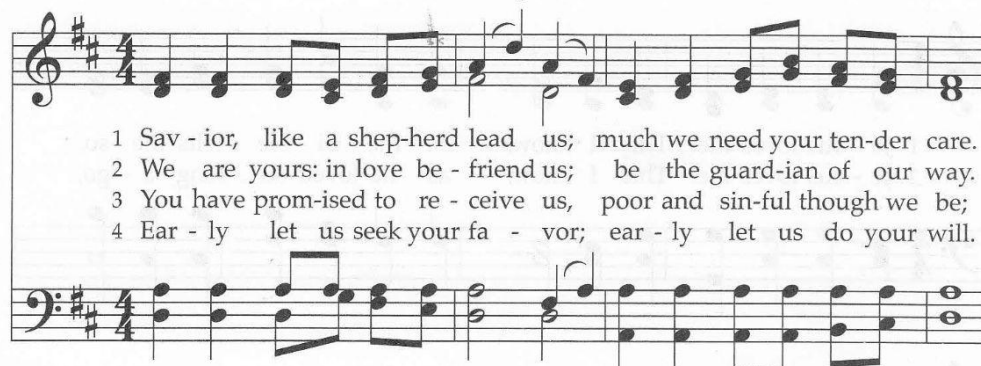
a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

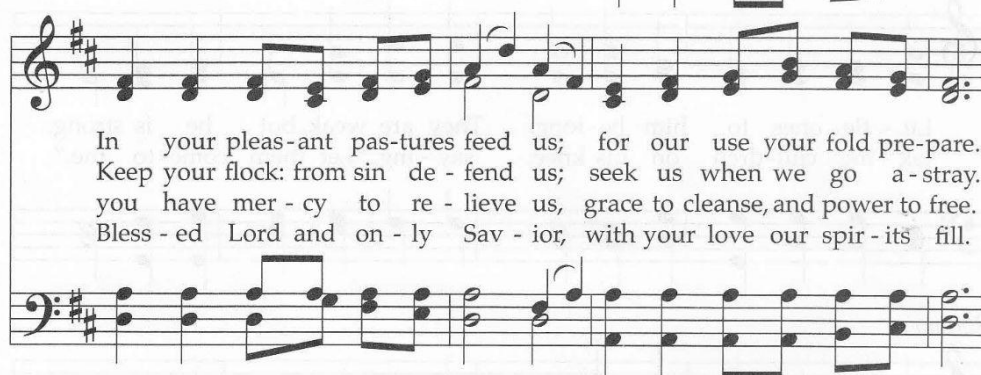
tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

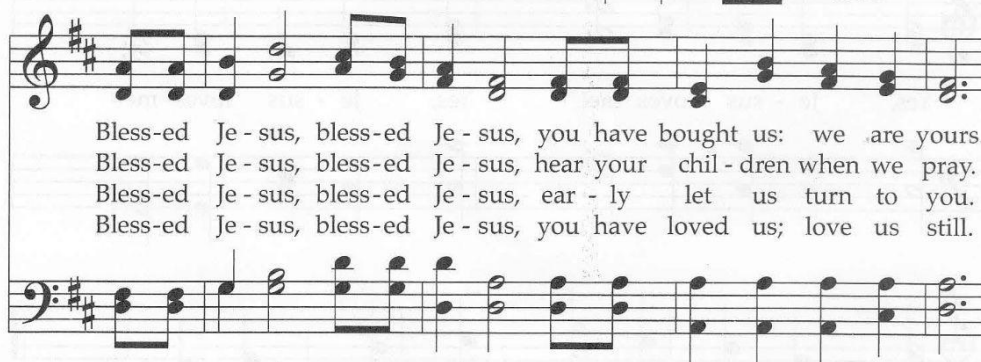
Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



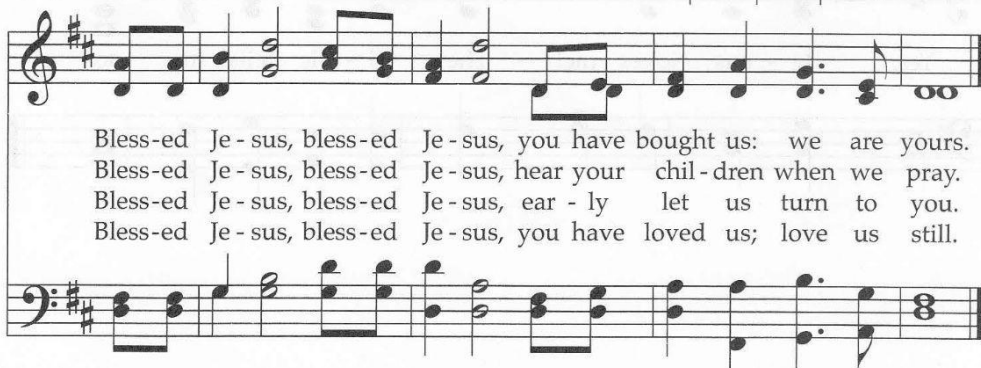
1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.



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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

Lord, Prepare Me 701

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

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