



PRELUDE

“Pastorale”

-Purvis

OPENING SENTENCES

The Shepherd calls us by name
and leads us to abundant life.

We hear your voice and hasten to follow.

The Shepherd prepares a table
and lavishly pours out grace.

**We hear your invitation
and take our place at the feast.**

The Shepherd gathers us in
and welcomes us to the house of the Lord.

We hear your call and give you praise.

HYMN # 738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

O Master let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only thou canst give,
With thee, O Master, let me live.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Out of the depths we cry to God, in our suffering and in our pain. Out of the depths God cries to us, asking us to repent, to return to God with our whole hearts, to admit our sin, and to accept forgiveness. So let us pray with one another, first in silence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We have gone astray, O Shepherd.
You call us to follow,
and we hear your voice.
Yet, we choose to heed other voices –
voices that promise status and comfort
and a carefree life.
But such promises are empty,
and that life does not satisfy.**

**Call to us again, O Shepherd.
Summon us onto right paths
to pursue justice in your name,
to seek after the well-being of all.
Lead us to the table you prepare for us –
where rivals share both bread and blessings
and discover there is enough for all.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

GLORIA PATRI

SONG: "Broken Vessels – Lauren and Kevin O'Brien

READING: Psalm 23

1The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
3He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me
 in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4Yea, 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.
5Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6Surely 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 # 739 O For a Closer Walk with God

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

SERMON

HYMN: # 418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

“Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, ‘O sinner, come home”

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S 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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Remember these words of Scripture from Acts 20:35: "we must help the weak, remembering the words the LORD Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG: "Captain" - Kevin and Lauren O'Brien

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jesus, God has made you both Sovereign and Christ.
Therefore we pray your blessing upon these gifts, upon us,
and those whose lives will benefit from them.
May your victory over death
empower all whom you call to trust in God.
In faith and hope we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN # 740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
I am weak and I need your strength and power
To head me over my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness your face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

POSTLUDE "March" -Handel

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