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## A WORD ON WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship  
and silence your mobile devices.*

Have you ever wondered why Christians gather to worship God? Here is one answer: To re-present and respond to the great story of what God has done in Jesus Christ to save sinners like us. The one word that summarizes this story is “gospel” which means good news. Notice that there is a distinct gospel structure to every part of our worship service:

**Adoration:** We adore and praise God for His greatness and grace. Today we praise our Lord for being our Shepherd.

**Confession:** We acknowledge our sin and need for the Lord’s grace. Like Isaiah says, “All of us like sheep have gone astray...” (Isaiah 53:6).

**Assurance:** We experience anew God’s provision of grace found in “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

**Thanksgiving:** We respond with thanksgiving for God’s grace by offering to Him all that we are and have (II Corinthians 9:7).

**Intercession:** We express our dependence upon the Lord and His grace by prayer (I Timothy 2:1-2).

**Instruction:** We hear the Word read and preached so that we might “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ” (II Peter 3:18).

**Communion:** We celebrate communion weekly in worship (during at least one service each Sunday). This helps us to remember the costly grace of the cross that unites us with Jesus Christ and His people (I Corinthians 11:23-26).

**Charge and Benediction:** We are challenged to live in light of God’s grace and are sent forth to serve in the strength of that grace (Hebrews 13:20-21).

May our time together in worship today honor our Lord and strengthen us to live as His faithful flock!

## THE SHEPHERD GATHERS HIS FLOCK

ORGAN PRELUDE: “God of Grace and God of Glory” ..... Paul Manz  
*Samuel Metzger, organist*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “Come, Christian Join to Sing” ..... arr. Jeremy Strong  
*Long Long Kang, violin*

CHORAL INTROIT: “Praise the Lord” ..... Cameroon Processional  
Praise, praise, praise the Lord, praise God’s holy name, alleluia!  
*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)*  
*Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music; Orgeny Carroll, percussion*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Michael C. Davis

♠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 173 “Praise Him! Praise Him!” ..... JOYFUL SONG

♠ PROPHETIC LESSON: Isaiah 40:9-11; 27-31 ..... Jennifer Thompson (8:15)  
Alyssa Champion (11:00)

Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;

**lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;**

lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”

**Behold, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;**

behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

**He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;**

he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

**Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?**

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.**

He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

**Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;**

but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

**they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.**

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... Rice, Cooper



Bless the Lord, oh my soul; Bless God's ho - ly name!



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♠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE SHEPHERD LOVES HIS FLOCK

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Good Shepherd,  
forgive our wandering hearts  
and make us lie down in the pastures of Your grace.  
Pardon our restless hearts  
and lead us to the quiet waters of Your love.  
For we are those who have clung to worthless idols  
and have forfeited the grace that could be ours.  
Fear, anxiety, and discouragement have gripped our hearts  
and have caused us not to live in line with Your gospel.  
Have mercy upon us and grant us grace to return to You,  
the Guardian and Shepherd of our souls.  
For we pray in Your tender and tenacious name, Amen.**

### INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♠HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" . . Traditional Irish Melody



1. The King of Love my Shep - herd is whose  
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my  
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish, oft I strayed, but  
 4. In death's dark vale, I fear no ill with  
 5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; Thine  
 6. And so through all the length of days, Thy



good - ness fail - eth ne - ver. I no - thing lack if  
 ran - somed soul He lead - eth, And, where the ver - dant  
 yet in love He sought me; And on His should - er  
 Thee, dear Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my  
 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; And O what trans - port  
 good - ness fail - eth ne - ver; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am His and He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gen - tly laid, and home, re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
 of de - light from Thy pure chal - ice flow - eth.  
 sing Thy praise with - in Thy house for - ev - er.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . .D. Todd Erickson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Arise, My Soul, Arise" . . . . . arr. Dan Forrest  
 Text by Charles Wesley

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears;  
 The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears;  
 Before the throne my Surety stands; my name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;  
 They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:  
 "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry! "Nor let that ransomed sinner die."

My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear;  
 He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;  
 With confidence I now draw nigh, and "Father, Abba Father!" cry.

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . LENOX

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**The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears;**  
**Before the throne my Surety stands,**  
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**My name is written on His hands.**

♠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

♠GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) . . . . . Lee Taylor

THE SHEPHERD RESCUES HIS FLOCK

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.**

GOSPEL LESSON ..... John 10:11-15  
(page 896 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON *The Good Shepherd* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT:  
No. 192 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" ..... WEIL ICH JESU SCHAFLEIN BIN

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Sinfonia "We Praise Thee O God" ..... J.S. Bach, arr. Dupré

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