

St. Mark's Service

July 25, 2021

"Looking for Good Shepherds"

PREPARATION

All God's people are asked to be is to be God's sheep. There is no pressure to be better, more inventive, productive, strong, or independent. All we are asked to do is to listen to the voice of the shepherd.
Edwin Chr. Van Driel

GATHERING MUSIC

St. Mark's Carillon

Blessed Assurance
Be Not Dismayed
Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken
Something Beautiful
Oh, How I Love Jesus
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *God Leads Us Along*

G. A. Young/Arr. Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, who is our shepherd.

People: It is the Lord who restores life.

Leader: Surely God's goodness and mercy surrounds us;

People: And we dwell in God's house forever.

OPENING HYMN *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Trad. English melody Henry H. Tweedy Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

OPENING PRAYER †

Holy One, we want to be sheep of your pasture. Care for us, feed us, and lead us, we pray. Once we are strengthened by your presence, raise us up to be shepherds ourselves who tend to those who fear and dismay so that our lives may reflect our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Amen.

TIME FOR GOD'S CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC *With the Lord as My Guide*

Jim Strathee

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

MESSAGE "Looking for Good Shepherds"

Rev. Lynn Bartlow

(Third in the series on "Everyday Prophecy")

CALL TO PRAYER *Blessed Assurance*

Phoebe Palmer Knapp, Lyrics by Fanny J Crosby

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC *Blessed be Your Name*

Matt and Beth Redman

BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION *Shalom to You*

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POSTLUDE *Justified by Faith*

Edward Broughton

† adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2.

St. Mark's musicians contributing to this morning's worship service include Pete Fine, Cathy Harris-Herchenroeder, Todd Martin, Sondra Franks, and Bruce Phillips.