

Order of Worship for May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Hybrid Worship



“Psalm 23” | John August Swanson | from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

~Mask Policy~

All in-person attendees aged 2 or older must wear a mask.

Masks must be worn over both mouth and nose.

Masks must be worn continuously while in the sanctuary, including while speaking.

Please put your mask on before entering the sanctuary.

If you need to remove your mask briefly for any reason, please exit the sanctuary first.

We request that, if possible, you choose a high-filtration mask such as an N95 or KN95.

We Approach God

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Votum, Sentences, and Salutation

Prelude: “Ukrainian Folk Tune” set by Viktor Kosenko; “Pastorale” by Viktor Kosenko

Call to Worship (written by Joanna Harader; inspired by Psalm 23)

One: In the darkest valley,
All: at the banquet table;
One: in the hard work of life,
All: at the moments of ease;
One: in our day-to-day reality,
All: at times set aside—
One: like this time, now—
All: for worship, for listening, for paying attention;
One: with every step we take:
All: goodness and mercy follow us; our cups overflow.

*Gathering Hymn: “All Creatures of Our God and King” (#455)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (written by Rev. Emily Schlaman Larsen; based on Psalm 23)

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
All: But, O Lord, we are consumed with wanting more.
One: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
All: But, O Lord, other pastures seem greener. The waters aren't always still. Our souls still thirst.
One: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
All: O Lord, we long to be led by you, though we may complain along the path.
One: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.
All: And yet, O God, we do sometimes fear. May we feel your presence, your comfort, and your forgiveness anew.
One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
All: O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at your table. Forgive us and help us to see your overflowing mercy.
One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.
All: Forgive us, God, and lead us into your house.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie (#572):

Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

Summary of the Law of Love

*Gloria Patri (#579):

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 23

Acts 9:36-43

Children's Message

Sermon: "Paths of Righteousness"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" (#172)

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to the Offering

Offerings may be made virtually in three ways:

- Electronic transfer using Zelle to frc1850@aol.com
- Online giving at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1289239>
- Checks made out to First Reformed Church may be mailed to 18 Farragut Ave.,
Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706

*Doxology (#592):

**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.**

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Worthy are you, O God, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. Receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise and use them for your glory and the good of your people; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our time of prayer concludes with 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.**

*Closing Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (#387)

*Blessing and Benediction

Those attending in person are invited to the Fraser Room for a time of fellowship and refreshments. Those attending via Zoom are invited to unmute for "virtual coffee hour."

*Congregants in the sanctuary are invited to rise

Bold text is read in unison

Announcements

Ukrainian Preludes: For the month of May, our church musician, Trish Waters, will share piano preludes written by Ukrainian composers. The scores for these pieces were made available by the Ukrainian Scores project of Ukrainian Live Classic. Their website states: “As a sign of solidarity with the Ukrainian people, you can receive scores of music pieces by Ukrainian composers and perform them in support of Ukraine in your city. We use scores from composers who have given their consent to the performance and those that are freely available. Defending the universal values of freedom in this war, we, Ukrainian musicians, composers, cultural managers, will speak about our culture as loudly as we can.”

Rivertowns Hunger Walk: Our neighbors at Irvington Presbyterian are organizing a CROP walk on Sunday, May 15th, at 12 noon to benefit Church World Service relief in Ukraine and Feeding Westchester. Those wishing to participate may register at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/irvingtonny>.

455 All Creatures of Our God and King

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Francis of Assisi, 1225

Trans. and para. William Henry Draper, c. 1910; alt.

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; alt.

Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail
 3. Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for
 4. Thou fer - tile earth, that day by day Un - fold - est bless -

Harmony

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 in heaven a - long, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!
 thy Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on your way, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou sil - ver moon with
 Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, Ye lights of eve - ning,
 Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, That giv - est us both
 The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glo - ry

Harmony

soft - er gleam,
 find a voice!
 warmth and light,
 al - so show!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 172

RESIGNATION CMD

Para. Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. 1972

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835
Harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986

C C G C G Am AmG C Am Em F C G C

1. My Shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is His name:
2. When I walk through the shades of death Your pres-ence is my stay;
3. The sure pro-vi-sions of my God At-tend me all my days;

F C G C Em Am F G C F C F C G C

In pas-tures fresh He makes me feed, Be-side the liv-ing stream.
One word of Your sup-port-ing breath Drives all my fears a-way.
O may Your House be my a-bode, And all my work be praise.

G C F C Dm G C Am Em F Dm Am

He brings my wan-dering spir-it back, When I for-sake His ways;
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my ta-ble spread;
There would I find a set-tled rest, While oth-ers go and come;

F C G C Em Am F G C F C F C G C

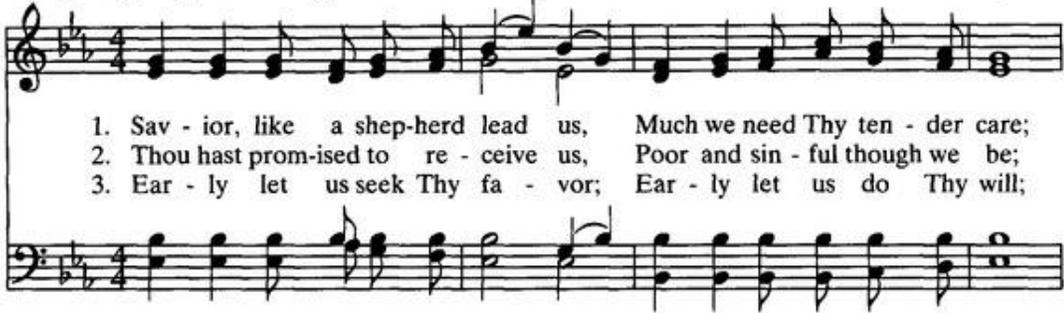
And leads me, for His mer-cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
My cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, Your oil a-noints my head.
No more a strang-er, or a guest, But like a child at home.

387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young*, 1836

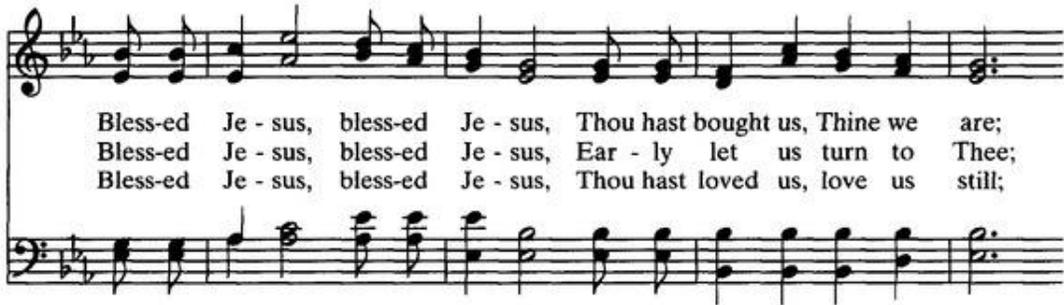
William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859



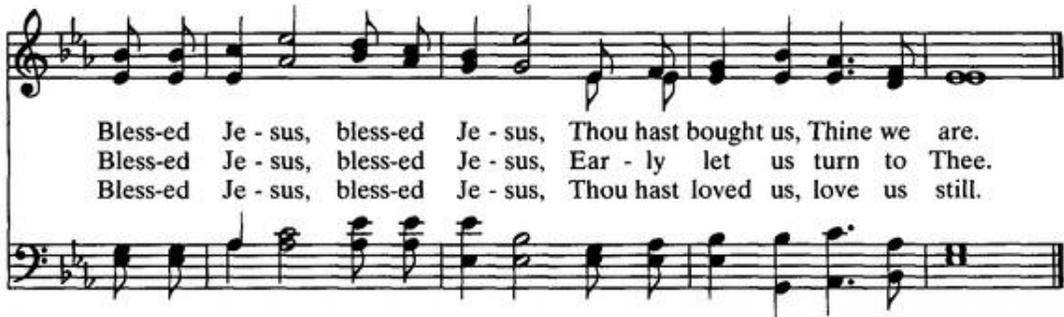
1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
 2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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Alternate tune: SICILIAN MARINERS, 538

