

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 30, 2023

4th Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.

***Please rise, in body or in spirit.**

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prelude

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Lisa Thompson

Leader: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

People: We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.

Leader: We are here because we want to be God's people.

People: We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.

Leader: We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

All: Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit. Let us respond to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

***Opening Hymn**

God Is Calling through the Whisper

No. 410

***Prayer for the Day (unison)**

Lisa Thompson

Most Compassionate God,

We thank you that you have come to us in Jesus Christ, sharing our common lot. As the shepherd seeks a lost sheep, you seek us when we wander, finding us, you receive us with rejoicing. Since you have claimed us, fill us with your Spirit, that we might be channels of your tender care for those who are brokenhearted or wandering. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

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Holy God,

You are our hope and our strength, our light and our sovereign, our shepherd and our savior. We confess that we have not always listened to your voice. We confess that we have sometimes strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace. We confess that we have sometimes dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation. We repent of those hurtful ways. We pray that you would forgive us as we learn to forgive others. We pray that you would help us to listen to your voice and that you would guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Hymn

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

No. 274

Peace

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Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Anthem

Shepherd Me

Wendy Barrow and Toby Eckert, vocal duet

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Lisa Thompson

Second Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon

Abundant Life

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation

Love Lifted Me

Susan Brown

Offering

You can make an offering online at www.oakhillpcusa.org,

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place it in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary, or mail your check to the church.

***Response**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.**

Moment for Mission

Brian Heuckroth

Prayers of the People

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The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Announcements

Rev. Wanda Lawry

***Closing Hymn**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

No. 187

Benediction

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Postlude

Lead Me, Guide Me

Susan Brown

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10

¹⁰“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Thank you for participating today in worship with Oak Hill. Please check our website for more information and updates: www.oakhillpcusa.org.

410 God Is Calling through the Whisper

1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,

through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts

Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing

God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

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 MUSIC: Polish carol; harm. Wilbur Lee, 1958
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W ZłOBIE LEE
 8.7.8.7.8.8.7
 (this tune in a higher key)

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd 274

(Am) (F) (C) (Em) (Am) (A7)
 Dm B^b F Am Dm D7

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am)
 Gm C F B^b Am Gm Dm

prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

(B^b) (F) (E) (A/C#) (Dm)
 E^b B^b A D/F# Gm

of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
 Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm

in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.

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PIGARDY
 8.7.8.7.8.7
 (alternate harmonization, 347)

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.

TEXT: Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young*, 1836, alt.
 MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859, alt.

BRADBURY
 8.7.8.7.D