

I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even if they die, will live.

—John 11.25

Ukrainian Easter Egg

## First Baptist Church of Greensboro

## The Worship of God Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

Steeple Bells 10:30 am

Christ Candle Drew Cornett

Opening the Bible Charlotte Gill

Voluntary Rev. Doug Vancil, organ "Meditation on Brother James's Air" setting by Harold Darke

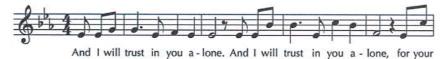
Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free: Blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee.

-Dorothy Thrupp

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

†Responsive Psalm 23

Refrain:



end-less mer-cy fol-lows me, your good - ness will lead me home.

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The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. Refrain

You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Refrain

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Refrain

†Hymn of Praise 330
"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" CRIMOND

Words of Friendship Rev. Buck Cochran

A Family Covenanting Autumn Culbreth and Rev. Alan Sherouse William Wells Hardy, son of Sara Beth and Ben Hardy, and brother of Jack.

Choral Anthem Sanctuary Choir

"Prayer for Mothers" by Donna Butler Janice Hix accompanist, Jerico Carrillo flute

God bless the mother who sings to her child, peaceful and calm, her words soft and mild. God bless the mother awake in the night, rocking her child 'til morning light.

Gather all mothers in tender embrace. Grant them your courage, your wisdom and grace. Honor their place in your sacred design, of healing the world one child at a time.

God bless the mother forgiving and wise, sharing God's grace through the light in her eyes. God bless the mother oppressed by her fears, carried by faith 'til hope reappears.

-text by Kathy Burdette

Prayer of God's People Rev. Chris Cherry Acts 9.36-43

Choral Prayer Sanctuary Choir

Gather all mothers in tender embrace. Grant them your courage, your wisdom and grace. Honor their place in your sacred design, of healing the world one child at a time.

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn 522 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

Stewardship Prayer Anita Cranford, deacon

Offertory Terri Vancil soprano
"Sometimes the Light Surprises" setting by Craig Courtney

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while she sings; it is the Lord who rises with healing in His wings: when comforts are declining He grants the soul again a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue the theme of God's salvation and find it ever new; set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may.

It can bring with it nothing but He will bear us through: Who gives the lilies clothing will clothe His people too: Beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed; and He who feeds the ravens will give His children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither their wanted fruit should bear, though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there; yet God the same abiding, His praise shall tune my voice; for, while in Him confiding, I cannot but rejoice!

—William Cowper

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Closing Voluntary Rev. Vancil organ "Finale from Symphony IV," Charles-Marie Widor

## The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want 330









WORDS: Psalm 23, Scottish Psalter, 1650; William Whittingham and others MUSIC: Jessie S. Irvine, 1871; arr. David Grant, 1872; desc. W. Baird Ross, 20th C.

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## 522 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

