

First Baptist Church of Greensboro  
The Worship of God  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 8, 2022



I am the resurrection and the life.  
Those who believe in me, even if they die, will live.  
—John 11.25

Ukrainian Easter Egg

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:



And I will trust in you a-lone. And I will trust in you a-lone, for your



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

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The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

**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

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Ps. 23:1

Descant

5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he  
 2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and  
 3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet  
 4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in  
 5. Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall

sure - ly fol - low me; and in God's house for -

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he  
 me to walk doth make with - in the paths of  
 will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,  
 pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with  
 sure - ly fol - low me; and in God's house for -

ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

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.

CRIMOND  
C.M.

## 522 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

He goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him . . . Jn. 10:4

1. Sav - ior, like a Shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;  
 2. We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
 3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4. 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 -  
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a -  
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos - oms

pare: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we  
 stray: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we  
 free: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to  
 fill: Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us

are; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
 pray; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray.  
 thee; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to thee.  
 still; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

WORDS: *Hymns for the Young*, 1836; attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp  
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1859

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