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Prelude "The Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1, No. 9 " J.S. Bach

## Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Corinthians 13:14

## Call to Worship Zechariah 9:9-12

- Leader: Come and praise God! In the company of God's people let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People: Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.

Leader: Our God is merciful and forgiving

People: our God is faithful and trustworthy;

- Leader: So come, let us worship God together!
- People: God's praise will last forever!

\*Opening Hymn "Shepherd Me, O God " (see insert)

**Prayer of Confession** (from *Meditations of the Heart, Howard Thurman pg 55*)

Teach us, our Father, the precious clue to honesty! Grant that where we are, in what we do Life need take no offense in us! Search us, knead us, remove from us The spots, the blemishes, even the shadows That sent us forth in our own light Shielded from Thy radiance and Thy fullness.

Time of silence

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Take heart, God promises to guide, provide, and protect us as the Good Shepherd. With God as Shepherd, goodness and mercy shall follow and pursue you all the days of your life.

- \***Passing the Peace** (during the passing of the peace, children please come forward for a message and blessing.)
  - Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.



## People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with a honk of the horn and hand-sign of peace.

# **Prayer for Illumination**

Lead me guide me along the way. Lord if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me oh Lord. Lead me. Sermon Text

## Psalm 23

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, O Christ!** 

### Sermon

### He Maketh Me

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

\*Hymn of Response & Offering "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

(see insert)

**Prayers of the People** (With a mic, the liturgist will walk to those with their hand raised.)

Our Father, who art in	ý 0
heaven, hallowed be	our debtors.
thy name, thy	And lead us not into
kingdom come, thy	temptation, but deliver
will be done, on earth	us from evil.
as it is in heaven.	For thine is the
Give us this day our	kingdom, and the
daily bread.	power, and the glory,
And forgive us our	forever. Amen.

\*Charge & Blessing

*Postlude '	God Is My Shepherd"	A. Dvorak
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<u>Note</u>: Weekly Wellness Walk with Pastor Mashona follows worship. One mile total over the skywalk. (If you brought your bike to worship, enjoy the skyway!) Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston Liturgist: Rev. Trey Tirpak, Becky Gardner Keyboard: Eugene Sit Vocalist and/or specialist: Rose Hunsberger Audio/Visual: Joshua Bliss, Stephen Reohr

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EK	Su	JULY <b>16</b>	10AM AW	Drive-In Worship at FCIA, also on Zoom Lemonade Lull in Clee Park, SkyWay Walk & Bike	
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S	We	july <b>19</b>	9AM 12PM	Food Pantry AA Meeting in the Parlor, Centering Prayer in the Powell Rm.	
H	Th	JULY	11:30AM	Hotdogs in the Park	
UPCOMING EVENTS					
E	Aug. 6 - FOCUS Service at Trinity United Methodist (no Drive-In Worship at FCIA)				

- Aug. 13 First's 381st Anniversary Celebration
- Aug. 20 Aloha Attire Competition! Wear your Aloha Best!

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Leader stanzas included in Accompaniment Edition

#### PSALM 23

#### Refrain

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
  - Refrain
- 3 He restores my soul.He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for thou art with me;
  - thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. *Refrain*
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. *Refrain*

### PSALM PRAYER

- Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, in the waters of Baptism you give us birth.
- and at your table you nourish us with heavenly food.
- In your goodness and mercy,

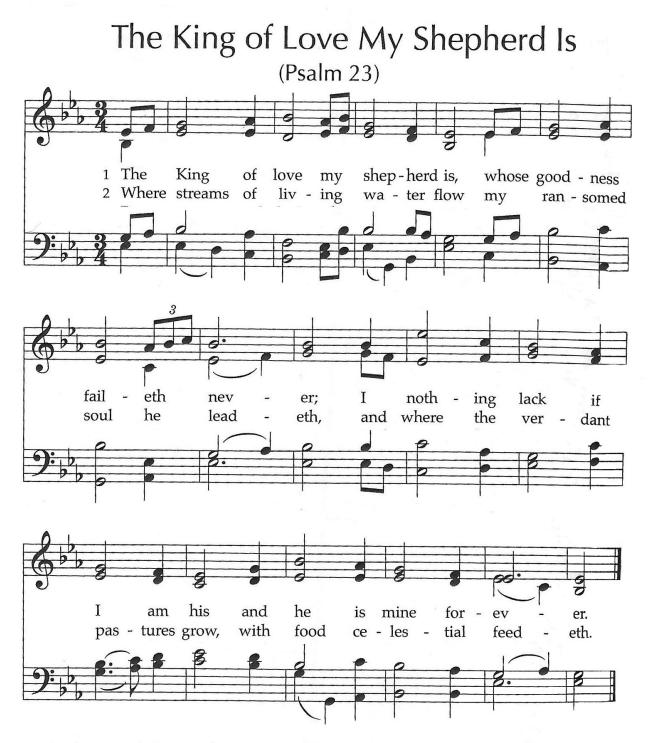
lead us along safe paths,

beyond the terrors of evil and death,

- to the house of the Lord
- where we may rest securely in you forever.

Amen.

For centuries no psalm has been better known or more beloved than Psalm 23. Although most people now have little occasion to encounter actual shepherds in daily life, this image remains a cherished and meaningful expression of reliance on God's faithful protection and provision.



Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal* first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

TEXT: Henry Williams Baker, 1868

MUSIC: Irish melody; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.