

Living by Faith, Known by Love, a Voice of Hope  
First Church in Windsor, UCC - Livestream

May 3, 2020

10:00am

Prelude

“Shepherd Me, O God”

Marty Haugen

Welcome

Introit

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah x3  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Trad. Caribbbbean

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us gather within the covenant of love which binds us to God and to one another.

Two: **Let us gather our hearts together even though we are physically separated.**

One: Let us gather to give thanks for all we have received from God’s good hands.

Two: **Let us gather at the table of the Lord to celebrate with thanksgiving the saving acts and presence of Christ.**

One: Let us gather all of our voices together into one great harmony of praise.

Two: **Let us gather to worship the maker of heaven and earth.**

Hymn

“My Shepherd is the Living God”

**My shepherd is the living God, I therefore nothing need;  
in pastures fair, near pleasant streams, you settle me to feed.  
You bring my wandering spirit back when I forsake your ways,  
and lead me for your mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stay;  
a word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provision of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others come and go--  
no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.**

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**Prayer of Invocation**

**God of the still waters, God of the stormy seas, we gather in your calming presence. Silence the crashing waves of trouble in our hearts. Let us hear your promise to us that even in troubled times, you restore our souls. Remind us that your love is constant and unchanging, and that you are with us. Amen.**

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People

## Prayer Response

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now am found. Was blind but now I see.

## Scripture

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

For thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil;

My cup runneth 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. Amen.

## Sermon

“Thou Art With Me”

Pastor Adrienne

## Hymn

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Bob Moore

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We, that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Words of Remembering

### Prayer of Consecration

## Sharing of the Elements

### Response Song

**“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”**

*Robert Kreutz*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**O God, you prepare a table before us in the threatening presence of virus. You anoint our hearts, now bless our bread and let our cups overflow. Surely as we shelter in place we find both the goodness of community and mercy to those most vulnerable. Now and all the days of our lives we claim that this house - these many houses where we dwell and also our precious church building, are indeed, the house of God. Thank you for this meal of grace. Amen.**

### Hymn

**“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”** *William Bradbury, Dorothy Thrupp*

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
much we need your tender care;  
in your pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use your folds prepare.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us, yours we are;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us, yours we are.**

**We are yours, in love befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear your children when we pray;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear your children when they pray.**

**Let us always seek your favor;  
let us always do your will;  
Jesus Christ our only savior,  
with your love our spirits fill.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still.**

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### Announcements

### Benediction

### Postlude

**“Carillon”**

*Francis Poulenc*

Prayers from today's service adapted from *Chalice Worship*, compiled by Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1997.