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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 18, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: Christ says, come away to a deserted place and rest a while.

Many: **God calls us to quiet and rest,
even as we continue to minister to those in need.**

One: We are called to worship and prayer, to ministry and service.

All: **May we find it all here! Let us worship God!**

***Hymn (#409)**

God Is Here!

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

Richard Collier

***Prayer of Confession**

God of green pastures,

**We confess that we can get so busy and distracted
that we lose sight of your love and care for us.**

We forget to live in gratitude

and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy.

**Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths
that restore our souls. (Silence)**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response (#581)**

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 23

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Special Music

Second Lesson

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sermon

Like Sheep Without a Shepherd

Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

*Hymn (#803)

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Congregational Response (#606)**

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#187)**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to
 2 Here are sym-bols to re-mind us of our
 3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an

of-fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life-long need of grace; here are ta-ble,
 Shep-herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith-ful

full-er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul-pit; here the cross has cen-tral place.
 wine are tak-en, Christ sus-tains us as of old.
 to the gos-pel; help us work your pur-pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)



1 My shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho'-vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;



In pas-tures fresh he makes me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.
 one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
 O may your house be my a-bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan-dering spir-it back when I for-sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;
 There would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows; your oil a-noints my head.
 no more a strang-er, or a guest, but like a child at home.



The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

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.
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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.