

About Today's Music

Our anthem this week is Johann Sebastian Bach's "Sheep and Lambs May Safely Graze." Bach (1685-1750), the German composer of the late Baroque era, is generally considered one of the greatest composers of the western world. He was born into a family of numerous composers and orphaned at age ten, living with his elder brother for the next five years before leaving to pursue his own musical education. While employed at the Weimar court in 1713, he composed the cantata "The Lively Hunt is All My Heart's Desire," also known as the Hunting Cantata, from which this anthem comes. It was written in honor of the birthday of Christian, Duke of Saxe-Weissenfels, an avid hunter. The text by Salomon Franck compares the peaceful life of sheep under a watchful shepherd to the inhabitants of a state with a wise ruler.



Order of Worship May 15, 2022

Please keep your mask on throughout the worship service.

Livestreaming Notification

We are livestreaming worship from the Sanctuary. Mostly the congregation is not on camera, but if you would like to be guaranteed to not be filmed, simply avoid the first two rows of chairs in any section. The cameras will be off during the Time of Reflection so that all may come up to the front to light a candle.

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* Indicates please stand as you are able

Prelude *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Kenneth Leighton

Welcome

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn #247* *My Shepherd Is the Living God*

Pastoral Prayer

Bell Quartet *The Water is Wide* arr. Larry Sue

Children K - 5 are dismissed to Faith Formation activities

Scripture: John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Anthem *Sheep and Lambs May Safely Graze* J.S. Bach

Sermon

Time of Reflection

*You're invited forward to light a candle,
write a prayer request, or to give an offering.
Please keep distanced from others as you do this.*

Hymn #588* *Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

Benediction
Benediction Response

Postlude *Vreuchten/Easter Carol* arr. Alan Bullard

Participating in Worship

Worship Leaders: Rev. Patty Ebner, Rev. Lisa Horst Clark

Guest Preacher: Rev. Amy Roon

Lector: Wendy Rothschild

Minister of Music: Stephen O'Bent

Musicians: Art Baldwin, Gracia McAllister, Shirley Hall, Dix Fulton

Organist: Laura Ouimette