

Fourth Sunday *of* Easter

April 21, 2024

I am the good shepherd.
I know my own,
and my own know me.

John 10:14



Prayers of the People & The 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.*

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Prelude in D Major

Scriabin

Doxology

Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

*Closing Hymn

Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

God Review Us by Your Spirit

arr. Wood



Jeff's Place provides free bereavement support groups for children, teens, and their families. We also offer education and training to local schools, mental health agencies, or other community organizations interested in issues of children and grief. Furthermore, we will assist with crisis intervention following a death. We also offer fee-based individual counseling on a sliding scale. To learn more, visit www.jeffsplace.org

Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Choral Response and Postlude in quiet contemplation.

All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. We understand it can be difficult to step into a room of strangers. We hope, with every cup and cookie, we can deepen our connections and learn a little more about each other each week.

* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779–1847)
From *Hymns for the Young*, 1836; alt.
St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807–1886)

John 10:1–29

1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten-der care;
1 Ie-su no ke Ka-hu-hi-pa, Ka-hu-hi-pa ma'i-ka'i e,
2 We are yours, in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 Let us al-ways seek your fa-vor; let us al-ways do your will;

in your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.
Ei-a ma-kou ka 'o-ha-na ke ho'o-lo-he a ha-hai:
keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
Je-sus Christ our on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us, yours we are;
E a-lo-ha, e a-lo-ha, a-la-ka'i a ha-nai mai,
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear your chil-dren when we pray;
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still;

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us, yours we are.
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The theme of Christ as shepherd is familiar and beloved to Christians. Emma Lyons Doyle, granddaughter of Laiana (translator Lorenzo Lyons), once said, "If you want to know the full beauty of this hymn, hear it sung in Hawaiian."

Tune: BRADBURY 8.7.8.7.D.
William B. Bradbury, 1859

Break Now the Bread of Life

Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44

Mary A. Lathbury, 1877; alt.

1 Break now the bread of life, Sav - ior, to me, as you once
 2 Bless now the truth, dear Christ, to me, to me, as you once

broke the loaves be - side the sea; Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee; Then shall all bond-age cease,

I seek you, Lord; my spir-it yearns for you, O Liv - ing Word.
 all shack-les fall, and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Mary Lathbury, "poet laureate of Chautauqua," wrote her prayer hymn to enrich the lives of those gathered for summer study at the lakeside conferences near Jamestown, New York. The tune was written for it by the chorus director of Chautauqua that same season.

Tune: BREAD OF LIFE 6.4.6.4.D.
 William F. Sherwin, 1877

Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows

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Henry W. Baker, 1868; alt.

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1 Such per - fect love my Shep - herd shows, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
3 When vain and fool - ish oft I strayed, you,
4 I do not fear death's shad - owed vale when

good - ness fails me nev - er, Whose hand all things I
lov - ing Shep-herd leads me, And where the ver - dant
faith - ful Shep-herd, sought me, And on your shoul - der
you are here be - side me; Your rod and staff and

need be - stows and watch - es me for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow with food from heav - en feeds me.
gent - ly laid, then home re - joic - ing brought me.
strength pre - vail to com - fort and to guide me.

5 You spread a ta-ble in my sight,
your gifts of grace be-stow-ing;
And from your chal-ice I de-light
to taste your mer-cy flow-ing.

6 And so through all the length of days
your good-ness fails me nev-er;
Good Shep-herd, may I sing your praise
with-in your house for-ev-er.

English clergyman Henry Baker greatly influenced hymnody in England and the United States through his leadership in preparing Hymns Ancient and Modern (1861). Baker's hymn is a recast of a George Herbert poem.

Tune: DOMINUS REGIT ME 8.7.8.7.
John B. Dykes, 1868
Alternate tune: ST. COLUMBA

Bulletin Reminders

Each week, after worship, Rev. Morisse is available for conversation in the Parish Hall.

NOMINATING SEASON IS HERE

It's "Nominating Season," and we're looking for enthusiastic and engaged individuals to join our Coordinating and Standing Committees. We have coordinating openings on Care, as well as positions on Deacons, Stewardship, and Property Management. There are also potential positions as Clerk and Assistant Treasurer. We also encourage you to contact one of the current committee members to find out more about what they do and their current priorities. Please let us know your interest by the end of April. The new slate of Committee members will be presented and voted on at Annual Meeting, May 19. Contact **Sue Tonkiss** or **Leigh Remington**, if you're interested or want more information.

A TIP FROM THE GREEN TEAM

We are updating our recycling practices at Plymouth Church. Please note there is a blue recycle bin in the hallway as you exit the Sanctuary (on the right as you head toward the elevator and stairs). Please deposit your worship bulletin and other papers you don't plan to keep. The Green Team will see that they are recycled.

PRE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE, MAY 17/18

The Pre-Loved Clothing Sale will take place on Friday evening, **May 17**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, **May 18**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. As always, we need lots of volunteers to help sort and set up the sale. For questions and to offer your help, please contact Mattie Schadt at 774.217.3477.

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE, MAY 18

The Plymouth Church Annual Perennial Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, **May 18**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in front of the church. The Plant Sale seeks volunteers for setup and staffing. All gardeners, interested novices, and anyone willing to help is welcome. Please join the fun! Volunteers should contact **Ellen Rivoir** or **Leona Dalton**.

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION NOW WEEKLY

A scripture discussion will now occur every Sunday, in the Parlor, beginning 30 minutes after the service. Weeks 1 and 3 will be led by Shari Van Hook, and weeks 2 and 4 by Meg Doucette. All are welcome.

The Plymouth Church in Framingham

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Our Core Values

- Community
- Intergenerational Life
- Service and Social Action
- Worship and Spiritual Life
- Welcome and Hospitality

Our Bedrock Beliefs

- We believe we are called to be kind, love justice, and walk humbly with God.
- We believe that God is present with us always in times of trial and rejoicing.
- We embrace Jesus' call to love and serve one another.
- We believe that God hears and answers our prayers.
- We believe in the fullness of God's grace (unmerited favor).