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Prelude	Song without Words	F. Mendelssohn
Greeting and Announcements		Sarah Jane Fuller and Susan Moffitt
Passing of the Peace		Sarah Jane Fuller
Call to Worship (<i>after Psalm 23</i>)		Susan Moffitt

One: We begin worship with the familiar words of Psalm 23 intertwined with images of the Risen Christ as our Good Shepherd:

Jesus, you are our shepherd.
We shall never want.
You make us lie down in green pastures;
You lead us beside the still waters.
You restore our souls

**All: You guide us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake.
Even though we may walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
we fear no evil, for you, Christ, comfort us.**

One: Jesus has prepared a table for us
in the presence of our foes;
Jesus has anointed us with the oil of salvation;
our cup runs over!

**All: Surely, goodness and mercy will follow us
all the days of our lives,
And we will dwell in the house
of our Holy Savior forever and ever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us - PH 327

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.**
- 2 We are Thine; do thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock; from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear thy children when they pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear thy children when they pray.**
- 3 Early let us seek thy favor; Early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, THou hast loved us, love us still. A-men.**

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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Attr. to Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

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William B.

1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us, Much we need thy
2 We are thine; do thou be - friend us; Be the guard - ian
3 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us

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Unison Prayer

Come, O Creator, O Immensity of Love, O Eternity of Mercy.

Come, and be with us and in us and beside us and over us.

Be as hands upon us, and fashion us for shining.

Be as warmth within us, and fire us for caring.

Be as strength beside us, and shape our lives for healing.

Abide in our prayers, the spoken and unspoken;

and make your Word come true in our flesh;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

10 ‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Anthem

This Joyful Eastertide

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Sarah Jane Fuller

Offertory

Blessed

Lui Collins

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Communion Liturgy

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Lord's Prayer (In unison)

Our Father (Creator), 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

One: We are one bread, one body, one cup of blessing.

Though we are many throughout the earth
and this church community is scattered,
In your many kitchens, and living rooms,
rest your hands lightly upon these elements
which we set aside today to be a sacrament.
Let us ask God's blessing upon them.

**All: Gentle Redeemer, there is no lockdown on your blessing
and no quarantine on grace.**

**Send your Spirit of life and love,
power and blessing
upon every table where your child shelters in place,
that this Bread may be broken and gathered in love
and this Cup poured out to give hope to all.
Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you.
Breathe in us, that we may breathe in you.**

Sharing of the Elements

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

Unison: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing

Unison: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

Communion Hymn Let Us Break Bread Together - PH 288

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

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Let Us Break Bread Together

Negro Spiritual LET US BREAK BREAD 7.3.7.3. with Refrain
Negro Melody

In unison

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees,
Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees,
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REFRAIN

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks that this has been no ordinary meal. It has been one in which we have been fed and nourished with the life of Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord. May we go from here, refreshed and eager, to share that life with others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn My Shepherd Is the Living God - NCH 247

**1 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 you mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.**

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

**3 The sure provisions 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.**

The musical score is presented in four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes three verses of lyrics. The second system includes two verses. The third system includes one verse. The fourth system includes one verse. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line in each system.

System 1: Chords: C, G, C, G7, C, F, G, F, C. Lyrics: 1 My shep-herd is the liv - ing God, I there-fore noth-ing need; 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;

System 2: Chords: Am, G, C, F, G, Am, G7, C, G, C. Lyrics: In pas - tures fair, near pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed. A 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.

System 3: Chords: C, F, C, Dm, G, C, Am, Dm, Am, FM7. Lyrics: You bring my wan-dering spir - it back when I for-sake your 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 come and go -

System 4: Chords: Em, C, Am, Dm, Am, Em, C, G7, C. Lyrics: And lead me for your 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.

Benediction

Postlude

Six Pieces for Children #6

F Mendelssohn

Source Notes: Our Call to Worship was adapted from Psalm 23 by Rev. Marilyn Kennedy Levine, a United Church of Christ pastor in the Northern Plains Conference. The Prayer of Invocation is by Arnold Kenseth and from the New Century Hymnal. The Communion Prayer is by Maren Tirabassi.