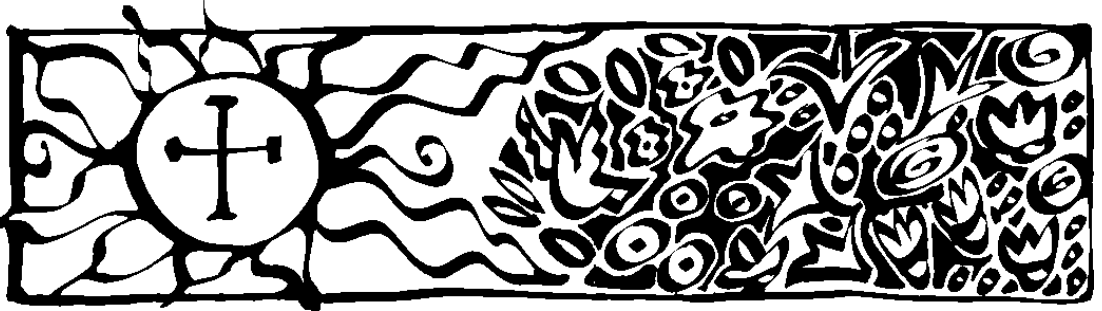


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

April 26, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Fourth
Sunday of
Easter



PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F Major BWV 556
A Pastorale Prelude

J.S. Bach
P. Lehenbauer

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Alleluia

T. Keesecker

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

WORDS: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984)
MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White (1800-1879); *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm: Ronald A. Nelson (1927-)
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1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed;
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart,
 As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 use the love your Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 stir - ring us to tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

***INVOCATION AND 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gentle Shepherd,
You guide us in right paths, you lead us in the ways of righteousness,
but we have allowed our anger, our greed, our apathy,
and at times even hate, to direct our paths.
We have overreacted and under-reacted,
we have taken more than our share,
we have despised others that seem to have it all.**

**Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways.
Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep,
and You are our Shepherd.
Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice
and instead have acted in the ways of the world –
seeking power to control rather than power to love.**

**Good Shepherd, guide us back to Your path,
to loving You, and loving our neighbours.
Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hearts and hands
in hope and healing, forgiveness and love.
In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.**

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

**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.**

FIRST READING

John 10:1-10

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **“Thanks be to God”**

ANTHEM

Sacred Ground

B. Harlan

LITANY (Psalm 23)

All: We are needy and tired, Lord –

for our journeys are so often difficult and challenging.

One: I am your Shepherd. You will never be in want with me.

Rest here with me beside still waters and I will restore your soul.

Many: We often feel lost, confused, or distracted

about the paths we walk – and danger seems ever-present.

One: Because I am your Good Shepherd

and you are my beloved sheep – I will lead you on the right path.

Many: We are fearful – the way is so dark, the valley is so deep,

and we cannot see even a spark of light ahead.

One: I am your Guide and Protector.

Walk with me, and evil will have no power over you, even here.

Many: But what about our enemies –

those to seek to harm us and our kin?

Even now, they seek to unravel the good and oppress the needy.

One: I will nourish and bless you at my table,

and fill you with the abundant food and drink of my Spirit.

I have everything you need, even here.

Many: We see now that goodness and mercy will follow us always –

even as we follow you, and dwell with you, and eat at your table.

One: Yes, I am with you always – finding you on lost paths,

guiding you on right paths, and comforting you through dark paths –

because you are my beloved sheep.

You can rest with me as your Guide.

All: We praise you, for you are our Good Shepherd

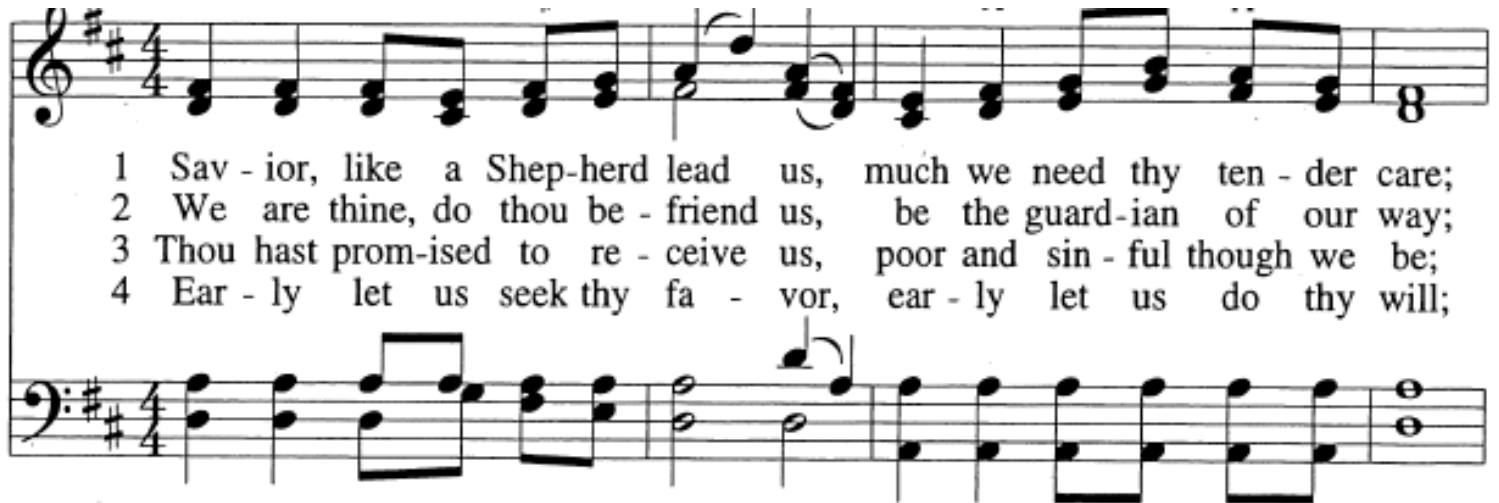
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*HYMN OF BLESSING


Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

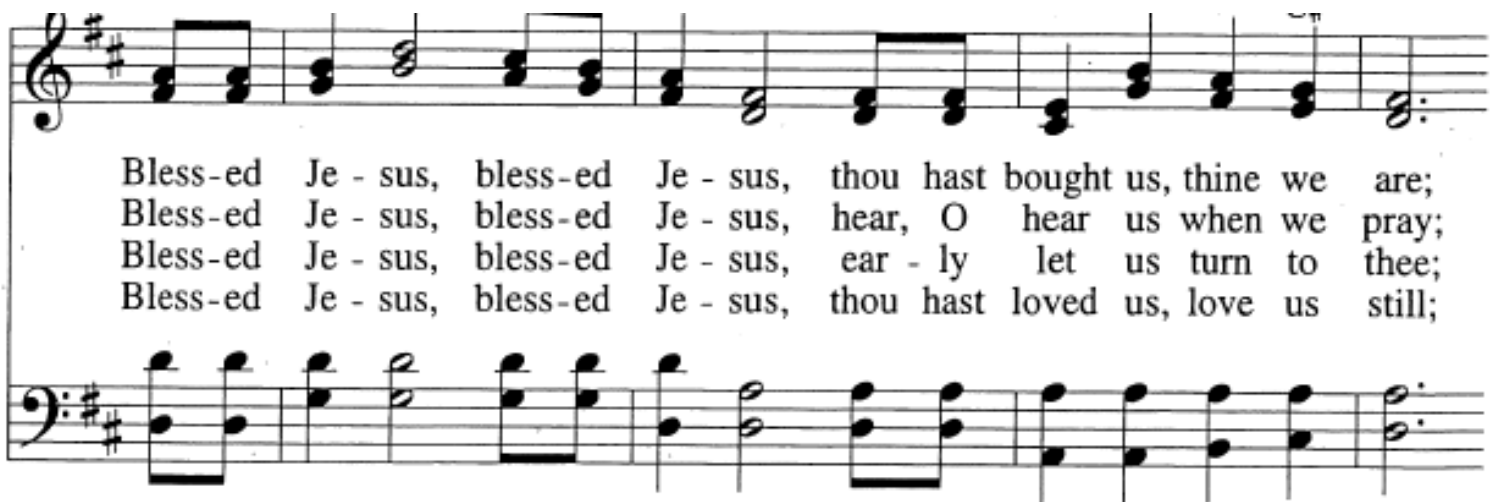
WORDS: Attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847); *Hymns for the Young*, 1836
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)




1 Sav - ior, like a Shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
2 We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;



in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre-pare:
keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:
thou hast mer-cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos-oms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to thee;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;



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BLESSING OF OLIVE RENÉE MURRAY

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

M. Card

Adrienne Sitko will sing the 1st verse;

Congregation please join for 2nd verse: (sing 2x)

The Lord be gracious to you.

**The Lord turn his face towards you,
 and give you peace, and give you peace,
 and give you peace, forever.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SECOND READING

Psalm 23

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

The Lord's My Shepherd I'll Not Want

CRIMOND

WORDS: Scottish Psalter, 1650; para. Psalm 23
 MUSIC: Jessie S. Irvine (1836-1887); arr. David Grant (1833-1893)



1 The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and
 3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
 me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
 will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
 pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
 sure - ly fol - low me; and in God's house for -

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

SERMON

Rev. Craig Traynor

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Prelude in C

J.C. Krebs

*New Doxology

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

Christ Be My Leader

SLANE

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-)

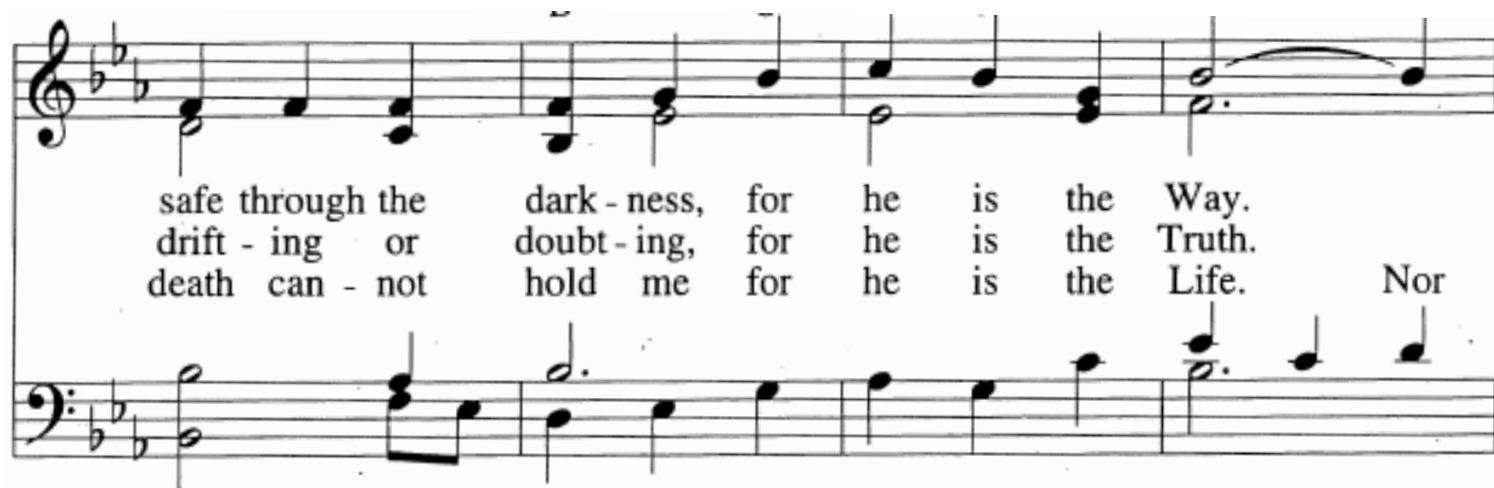
MUSIC: Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young (1926-)

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1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;
2 Christ by my teach - er in age as in youth,
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



safe through the dark - ness, for he is the Way.
drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the Truth.
death can - not hold me for he is the Life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care,
Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand,
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can

dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

In God Alone My Soul

Taizé Community

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world – begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Toccata in C

P. Fey

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
 Writing Prayers and Leading Worship - Becky Bonham;
 Prayers of the People and Leading Worship - Naomi Mahaffy;
 Scripture Readers - Gwen Tasker, Warren Tasker;
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Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families
Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music
Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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