

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Walt Lane

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 23 (Pew Bible Page #501)

New Testament Reading: John 10:11-18 (Pew Bible Page #103)

**SERMON** *Are We Willing To Be Led?*

The Rev. Kate Kelly

**HYMN #525** *“Here I Am, Lord”* (See Insert)

**BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Kate Kelly

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

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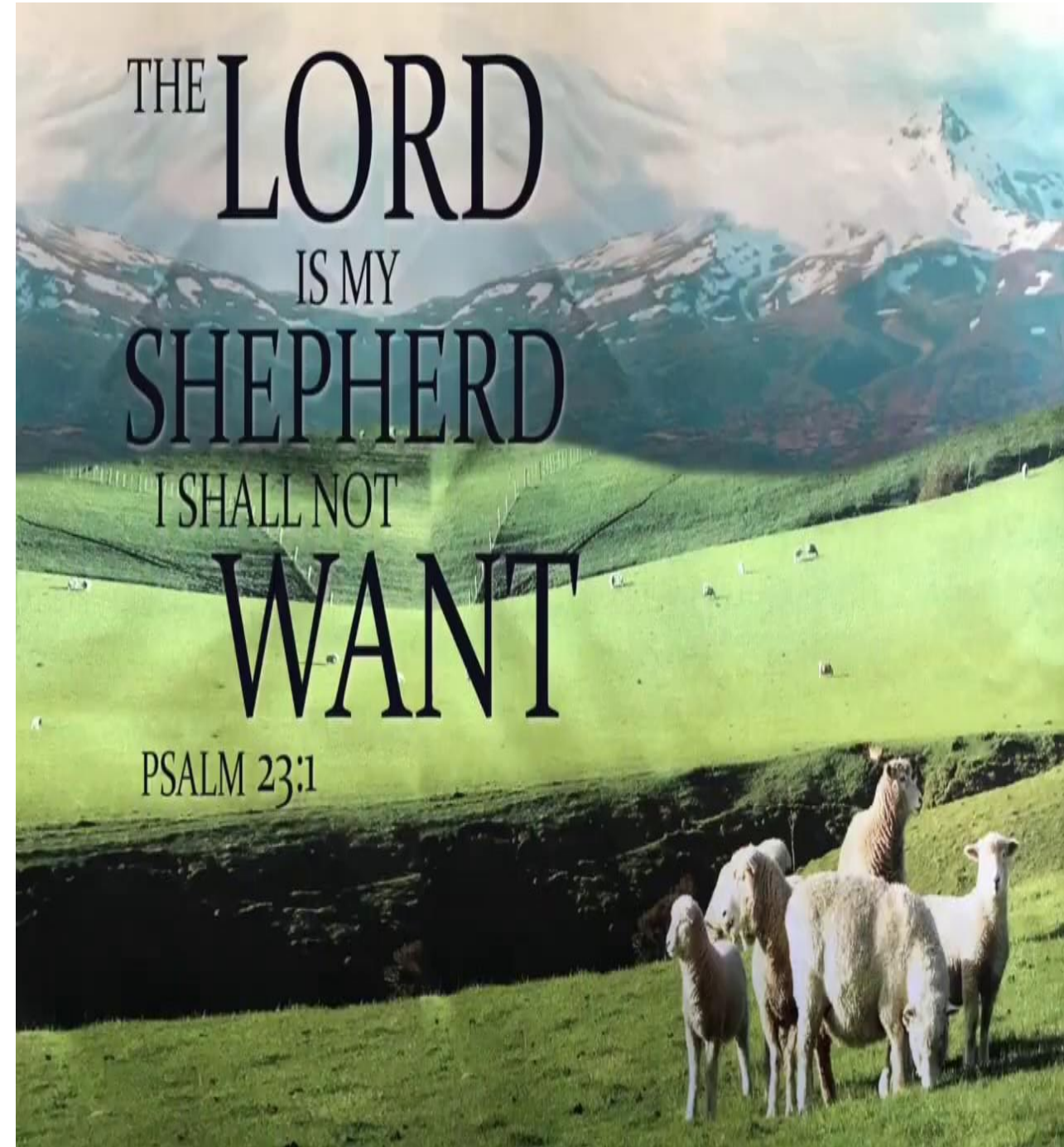


***CAROL RICHER HAS PLACED FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER SON, JOHN.***

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**APRIL 21, 2024**

**10:30AM**



**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** The Rev. Kate Kelly

**APRIL'S MISSION OF THE MONTH** *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*

**PRELUDE** Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Thomas Ruehle

When we are scattered, Jesus our Good Shepherd gathers us in.

*When we are lost and lonely, we can depend on Christ's love.*

When we are oppressed, Jesus our Good Shepherd cares for us.

*When we are threatened because of who we are, we can depend on Christ's protection.*

We know Christ, because Christ's tenderness has guided us for generations.

*Christ knows us by name. Christ will lay down his very life for our sake.*

Let us worship our Good Shepherd, who cares for all of us with fierce love.

*Let us give thanks for Christ's presence with*

\***HYMN** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see insert)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pastor: Shepherding Christ, even as you lay down your life for us, we confess our unwillingness to support those in need. Too often, we may be more like the one who runs away in times of trouble. We aren't always bold enough to protect the powerless; following your example is rarely easy or comfortable.

*Congregation: Forgive us. Help us lay down our apathy and follow your example. Remind us that we belong to one another, and to you. Amen.*

**ASSURANCE IF GOD'S GRACE**

Beloved of God, receive this comfort. It is impossible to respond to every need in this complicated world. A full life of faith gives us the grace to lay down our work, take the rest we need, then refocus our energy toward the cause of the

oppressed. Rest in the shelter of your Good Shepherd, knowing you can take up the cause again with restored souls.

*Congregation: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!*

**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.

**THE APOSTLE'S 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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

The Rev. Kate Kelly

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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, 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 and ever. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

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\*Hymn      *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”*

Refrain:

**All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.**

**1 Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings:  
God made their glowing colors,  
God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)**

**2 The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
That brightens up the sky, (Refrain)**

**3 The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them every one. (Refrain)**

**4 God gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well. (Refrain)**

Hymn #525    *“Here I Am, Lord”*

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.**

**I who made the stars of night,**      (con't on the back)

*“Here I am Lord”* (con't)

**I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart  
I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have born my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them,**

**Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them,  
Whom shall I send?**

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