



Know the Sheep, Know the Shepherd

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD BY SIEGER KODER

Welcome to Worship!

Welcome

Introit

All Creatures of Our God and King

Call to Worship

One: Sometimes it's hard to get into this sanctuary. The way seems long, the road is rough, time runs short.

All: We are here to listen. We offer our trust to the One who leads us.

One: Sometimes we're not sure where we're going. We worry about goals and outcomes.

All: We are here to breathe. We place our lives in the Shepherd's loving care.

One: Sometimes we just need to rest in green pastures to restore our souls.

All: We are here to receive the gift of hope and peace. Thanks be to God who fills our cups until they overflow.

Song

Come All You People

Come all you people, come and praise your maker, come all you people, come and praise your maker, come all you people, come and praise your maker, come now and worship your God.

Song

Heaven Is Singing for Joy

*Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia, for in your life and mine is shining the glory of God
(Refrain) Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!*

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia, for your life and mine unite in the love of our God. (Refrain)

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia, for your life and mine will always bear witness to God. (Refrain)

Time with Young Disciples

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace

Trad. Maori Melody

*Band: Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God, most holy,
to your presence we have come; Give us now your love.*

All: Patient and loving God, like sheep, we are stuck in the mud. We think we know what's best. We ignore the voice of your guiding Shepherd.

*Congregation: Take away our sinfulness, evil that imprisons us,
free us from what troubles us, give our souls release.*

All: We wander aimlessly and take paths that lead us away from your mission. Forgive us our stubbornness and lack of vision. Help us trust in the good Shepherd who has never failed us.

*Congregation: Warm our hearts to love you, Lord, you who died to save us,
gather us with in your arms, Jesus, on this day.*

Silent Prayer of Confession

(In the silence, please take a moment to offer your own confession to God.)

One: In the name of Christ we pray. **All: Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

One: God is always working among us. At the center of it all is God's love and forgiveness. This is our Savior's world. So know that you are indeed forgiven, and be at peace.

All: This is our Savior's world. Thanks be to God!

Response

Halle, Halle, Halle,

Modern text by Julie Tai

Halle, halle, halle-lujah! (5 times)

Scripture

John 10:11-18

Sermon

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Song

Let Justice Flow

*Refrain - Let justice flow down, down like a river, down to the valleys where the helpless cry.
Let righteousness flow through us forever, lead us to the stream that will never run dry.*

*Flow to the mouths of the hungry; flow to the hands of the poor.
Flow to the hearts of the orphans, heal the wounds of war. (Refrain)*

*Flow to the streets of the homeless, finding no place they can go.
Flow to the cells of the prisoners facing each day alone. (Refrain)*

*Flow through the courts of our nation, guide us in love's decrees.
Lead us to streams of salvation; fill our land with peace. (Refrain)*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Here at UPC we come together from different places and traditions. As we pray the Lord's Prayer, please use one of these versions or feel free to speak the one that you learned as you grew in your faith.

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be
done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we
forgive our debtors.***

***Lead us, not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For
yours is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory forever.
Amen.***

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be
done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we
forgive those who sin against
us.***

***Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil. For
the kingdom, the power, and
the glory are yours now and
forever. Amen.***

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be
done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those who
trespass against us.***

***Lead us, not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For
yours is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory forever.
Amen.***

Song

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live, so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work.....

I'm gonna sing.....

Sending and Blessing One Another with Christ's Peace

One: We have sung, we have prayed, we have worshiped together.

All: Now we go back out into the world.

One: We came together to connect with each other and with Jesus.

All: We go out as people who are strengthened by the Spirit, ready to love and to serve.

One: As you go, remember Christ is risen! May you share the gift of new life with your family, your neighbors, your friends, and your enemies. And may the love of God go with you, the strength of the Spirit be yours and may the peace of Christ be with you now and always.

All: And also with you.

One: Please share signs of peace with one another as you go.

Sending Music



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