

APRIL 21, 2024 | THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

WORSHIP AT WESTFIELD



SERVICE OF WORD, TABLE, & WELCOME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to complete the care pad in your pew.

Peace be with you. And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the darkest valley,
at the banquet table;
in the hard work of life,
at the moments of ease;
in our day-to-day reality,
at times set aside-
like this time, now-

for worship, for listening, for paying attention;
with every step we take:
goodness and mercy follow us;
our cups overflow.

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Loving Shepherd,
you know our names;
you care for us.
When we face darkness and death,
walk beside us.

When we hunger for your love,
fill us with your presence.
When we are fearful,
feed us at your table.

May we dwell in the house of goodness and
mercy
all the days of our lives.
Amen.

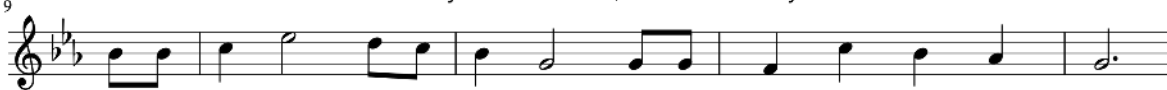
*SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US BRADBURY



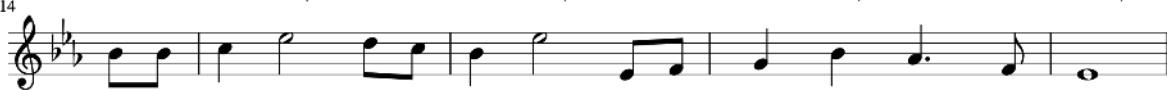
1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need thy ten-der care;
2. **We are thine; do thou be - friend us; Be the guard-ian of our way;**
3. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do thy will;



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.
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 thy chil - dren when they pray;
Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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*CALL TO CONFESSION

THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS US IN UNITY
ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK,
THE DAY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.

GATHER

*PLEASE RISE
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, like a shepherd,
You never stop searching for Your people,
Your care for us anticipates our need.
Before we recognized we needed Your grace,
in love, Jesus gave His life for our forgiveness.

We confess that we need Your forgiveness,
we confess our sins:
You are the shepherd and we are Your flock,
but we admit the times we have tried to take Your place
and take control ourselves.
We admit that we have not always trusted
Your good news to be good for us.
At times we have pleaded with You to care for us,
but we have held back from caring for others
and ignored the needs of others.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Forgive us in the name of Jesus.
Loving shepherd,
teach us by the Holy Spirit to follow You
in the days and places of the weeks ahead.
Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

The psalmist says,
"I am sure I shall see the goodness of our God
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!"

Know that you do not wait alone.
God has given us one another for this journey of faith,
to help one another.
Know that you do not wait alone;
Christ is with us.
Be encouraged, and encourage one another.
Go and share the Good News. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE GLORY TO GOD WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 12/8. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, whose love has set me free! As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A-men." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence on the last staff.

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*PASSING OF THE PEACE Family of God

You're invited to offer signs of welcome during the interlude.

Musical score for 'Family of God' in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam - 'ly of God. I've been washed in the foun - tain, wrapped in God's love! Joint heirs with Je - sus as we trav - el this sod; For I'm part of the fam - 'ly, the fam - 'ly of God.'

CHILDREN'S TIME

All are invited to sing as the children come join the pastor in the front of the sanctuary.

Jesus Loves Me

Musical score for 'Jesus Loves Me' in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus loves me this I know. For the Bi - ble tells me so. Li - ttle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so!'

Children under 6th grade wishing to take part in Sunday School
may leave at this time.

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

THE MESSAGE

"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd puts the sheep before himself, sacrifices himself if necessary. A hired man is not a real shepherd. The sheep mean nothing to him. He sees a wolf come and runs for it, leaving the sheep to be ravaged and scattered by the wolf. He's only in it for the money. The sheep don't matter to him.

"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own sheep and my own sheep know me. In the same way, the Father knows me and I know the Father. I put the sheep before myself, sacrificing myself if necessary. You need to know that I have other sheep in addition to those in this pen. I need to gather and bring them, too. They'll also recognize my voice. Then it will be one flock, one Shepherd. This is why the Father loves me: because I freely lay down my life. And so I am free to take it up again. No one takes it from me. I lay it down of my own free will. I have the right to lay it down; I also have the right to take it up again. I received this authority personally from my Father."

RESPONSE TO READING

Through this scripture, God is still speaking.
And we are listening.

SERMON

THE REV. DR. JONATHAN CHAPMAN

HEAR GOD SPEAKS TO US IN
SCRIPTURE, PREACHING,
AND SONG

*PLEASE RISE
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

WE BEGIN OUR LIFE OF
RESPONDING TO THE
GOSPEL THROUGH
PRAYER AND OFFERING.

RESPOND

SHARING OF CONCERNS

For all these persons
and all who are in need.
Hold your people near, O God.

SHARING OF JOYS

We give thanks to God
for these blessings.
Thanks be to God.

CALL TO PRAYER SHEPHERD ME, O GOD

Shepherd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears,
4 from death in - to life.

INVITATION TO GIVE

When Jesus calls his disciples,
he promises to transform the gifts they already possess
to be used for the glory and kingdom of God.
Let us offer our resources
in following Jesus.
We will now begin our morning offering.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY EASTER DOXOLOGY

Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord,
4 And sing to - day with one ac - cord.
7 The life laid down, the life re - stored;
10 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

COMMUNION RESPONSE ALLELUIA! LOVE IS ALIVE!

Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a - live;
22 con - quered the grave and de - feat - ed the night.
24 Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a - live!
27 The Son has a - ris - en for all. Your peo - ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...praise your name
and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

..as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...now and forever. **Amen.**

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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

THE FRACTION

THE INVITATION

SHARING THE FEAST

*You'll be invited forward, from the outside aisles, front to back, then the inside aisle from back to front.
Take a piece of bread from Rev. Jonathan (Gluten-free available) then a cup of juice from the corner
closest to your seat. Drop your empty cup in the baskets staged at the corner columns.*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

We praise you loving and eternal God
for your love of all people
expressed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
We praise you for his commitment to justice,
his zeal for true worship of you
and his willingness to replace all other sacrifices
with the sacrifice of his own life.
In his name we offer you our worship. **Amen.**

WE SHARE THE BREAD & CUP
AND ARE REMINDED OF THE
FEAST WE SHARE AT THE
HEAVENLY BANQUET

FEAST

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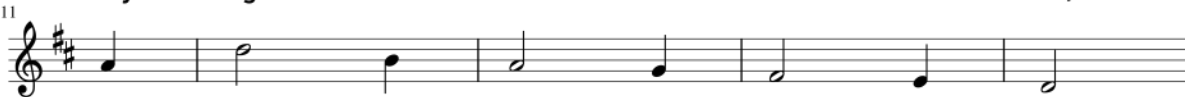
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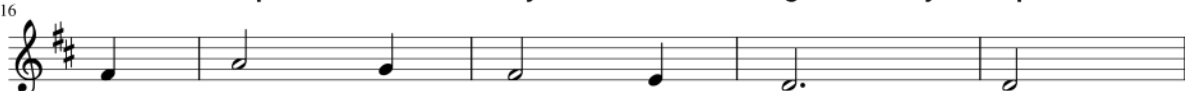
1.The King of love my shep - herd is,
 2.Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow,
 3.Per - verse and fool - ish, i strayed,
 4.In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
 5.Thou spreadst a ta - ble in my sight;
 6.And so through all the length of days,



whose good - ness fail - eth nev - er.
 my ran - somed soul he lead - eth;
 but yet in love he sought me;
 with thee, dear Lord, be - side me;
 thy unc - tion grace be - stow - eth;
 thy good - ness fail - eth nev - er;



I noth - ing lack if I am his,
 and where the ver - dant pas - tures grow,
 and on his shoul - der gent - ly laid,
 thy rod and staff my com - fort still,
 and oh, what trans - port of de - light
 Good Shep - herd, may I sing thy praise



and he is mine for - ev - er.
 with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 and home, re - joic - ing brought me.
 thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 from thy pure cha - lice flow - eth!
 with - in thy house for - ev - er.

**GOD BLESSES US AND
 SENDS US FORTH IN
 MISSION FOR THE
 WORLD.**
SEND

***PLEASE RISE
 IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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BAKERS

NEEDED

TAKE NOTE

THE ONE LINK
THAT RULES
THEM ALL!



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WESTFIELD TO-GO

JOT DOWN WHAT
MOVED YOU TODAY
& TAKE IT WITH YOU.

WHAT WORDS, PHRASES OR IMAGES
STICK WITH YOU FROM TODAY'S READING?

WORDS FROM
SCRIPTURE

INCLUDE A FEW THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON YOU'D LIKE TO
CARRY WITH YOU THIS WEEK.

I WANT TO
REMEMBER...

1

2

3

THIS WEEK, I WILL PRAY FOR...

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM TODAY YOU'LL INCLUDE IN MY PRAYERS THIS WEEK.

HELP

THANKS

WOW

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

We LOVE kids at Westfield. Children are welcome to stay through the whole service. If your child is more active, relax! We believe God put the wiggles and giggles in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of worship. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

THE REV. DR. JONATHAN CHAPMAN



The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Chapman graduated from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, in May 2019 with his Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Witness and Proclamation. His capstone work, *The Year of Mark*, received the People's Choice Award among his cohort. While at Candler for his Master of Divinity (May, 2010), he was active with the Office of Worship, and was awarded the Hoyt Hickman Award for Outstanding Liturgical Scholarship. Jonathan is a 2007 Congregational Fellow and 2006 Undergraduate Fellow with The Fund for Theological Education. He graduated from Elon University in 2007 with a degree in Religious Studies. At Elon, he was selected as a Leadership Fellow and was awarded the W. L. Monroe Christian Education and Personality Award in the 2007. While at Elon he joined Elon Community Church, United Church of Christ, the congregation in which he was ordained.

Jonathan joined Westfield in October of 2012 and was officially installed as Pastor and Teacher in May of 2013, presiding over its revitalization. In October of 2022, he celebrated a decade with Westfield.

He was selected to be a part of the Next Generation Leadership Initiative, a program sponsored by the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ that works with young clergy committed to parish ministry through a decade-long relationship. Dr. Chapman consults with congregations on a variety of topics ranging from revitalization to worship to marketing their churches. He married his husband, Greg (pastor of Enfield Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Enfield, CT), in December of 2014 at Westfield. Jonathan is an award-winning stained glass artist.

Rev. Jonathan's Onsite Hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-12pm. His additional work days are Sunday and Monday, when he is available by appointment. His days off are Friday and Saturday.

Find time with Rev. Jon by scanning the QR code or going to calendly.com/revjonchapman

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Director of Welcome
Director of Music
Director of Children
Church Administrator
Facilities Caretaker

All of the Congregation
The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Chapman
Kevin Williams
Sue Theroux
Donna Bartholomew
Jessica Payette
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