



**CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



April 25, 2021

9:55 am

Welcome to worship! While we can't be together physically, we are glad to join together for worship online. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Barry Shelley

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: With grace flowing, the poet sings the opening lines of the famous prayer, "The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want."

**People: We hear the Psalmist's contentment and wonder about our own.**

Leader: Settled on the ground, with grass tickling their toes, the psalmist rests, "God makes me to lie down in green pastures. She leads me beside still waters. She restores my soul."

**People We hear their deep need for rest and wonder about our own.**

Leader: With a deep sigh, the psalmist declares, "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me. You prepare a table before me. You anoint me. My cup overflows.

**People: We recognize their bold courage and wonder about our own.**

Leader: Remembering God's faithfulness, the psalmist finds words to carry with them, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long."

**People: We hear their faithful trust and wonder about our own.**

Leader: Holy Spirit of Rest and Renewal, in this time of worship inspire us with words both ancient and new so that we may find the words that connect us to You.

**People: Amen and amen!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN**

*(scroll down to music)*

'Through It All'

No. 555

**A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

Holy One, we hear the comforting ancient poetry of the psalmist but wonder, is it true? Will you really provide for what we need? Will you bring us to a place of rest? Will you protect us from enemies, even when they share our dinner table? We confess that rather than being only filled with holy wonder, we are also filled with skepticism at the ancient words. We can quickly tally up the times we didn't feel provided for or protected from danger. We count the times we could not catch a break when we desperately needed it. So Holy One, shepherd our busy minds back to the here and now, help our spirits forgive the grudges we hold, and invite us to experience You as truly present. In these moments of quiet, offer us rest for a moment. Amen.

## **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

### **SCRIPTURE**

#### **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

#### **John 10:11-18**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That's because he isn't the shepherd; the sheep aren't really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. He's only a hired hand and the sheep don't matter to him.

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that don't belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

"This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father."

## **SERMON**

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

## **HYMN**

'My Shepherd, You Supply My Need'

No. 80

*(scroll down to music)*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

### ANTHEM

'Just a Closer Walk with Thee'

No. 557

*(scroll down to music)*

### CALL FOR OFFERINGS

Like a shepherd tending to those in their care, God has offered us rest and renewal, protection and mercy, love and nourishment. In response, we are invited to give a portion of our time, energy, gifts, and prayers so that others in this world may experience the same.

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## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### HYMN

'Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us'

New Century Hymnal

*(scroll down to music)*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Sylvia Berry, Accompanist

Alisa Cassola, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

<sup>1</sup>Rev. Arnold, Ellis. "Easter 4 - April 25." *United Church of Christ*, 11 Mar. 2021, [www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-4-april-25/](http://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-4-april-25/).

<sup>2</sup>Draper, Brian. *Call to Worship & Prayer: Easter 4*, 12 Apr. 2012, [re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/04/call-to-worship-prayer-easter-4.html](http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/04/call-to-worship-prayer-easter-4.html).

<sup>3</sup>Rev., Karla. *Pastoral Prayer: Loving Shepherd*, 30 Apr. 2017, [re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/04/pastoral-prayer-loving-shepherd.html](http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/04/pastoral-prayer-loving-shepherd.html).

# Through It All

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Through it all, through it all,

The first system of music features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a half note chord, followed by a quarter note chord, and then a half note chord. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line with chords.

I've learned to trust in Je-sus, I've learned to trust in God;

The second system continues the vocal line with a half note chord, followed by a quarter note chord, and then a half note chord. The piano accompaniment remains consistent with the first system.

through it all, through it all,

The third system repeats the vocal line with a half note chord, followed by a quarter note chord, and then a half note chord. The piano accompaniment is the same as in the previous systems.

I've learned to de - pend up-on God's word.

The fourth system concludes the vocal line with a half note chord, followed by a quarter note chord, and then a half note chord. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord. The system concludes with a double bar line and the numbers 6 and 8, indicating the end of the piece.

WORDS and MUSIC: Andraé Crouch, 1971

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THROUGH IT ALL

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# 80 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

1. My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly  
 2. When through the shades of death I walk, your pres - ence  
 3. Your sure pro - vi - sions, gra - cious God; at - tend me

is your name; in pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be -  
 is my stay; one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives  
 all my days; O may your house be my a - bode, and

side the liv - ing stream. You bring my wand - 'ring spir - it  
 all my fears a - way. Your hand, in sight of all my  
 all my work be praise. Here would I find a set - tled

back, when I for - sake your ways; you lead me,  
 foes, does still my ta - ble spread; my cup with  
 rest, while oth - ers go and come; no more a

WORDS: Para. Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.  
 MUSIC: *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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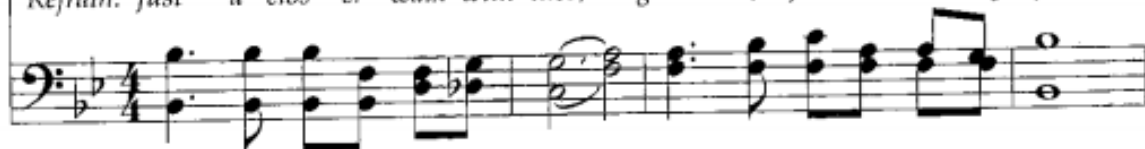
for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
 bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
 stran - ger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

# Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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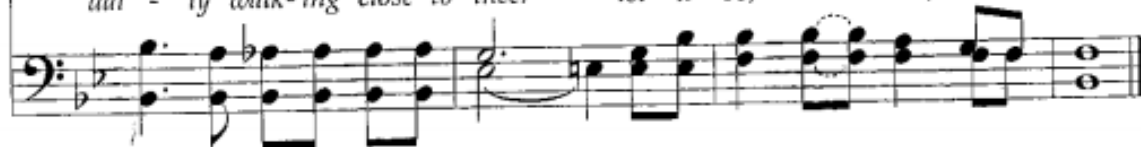
1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
*Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,*



*D. C. for Refrain*



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.  
*dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*



WORDS and MUSIC:

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CLOSER WALK  
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# Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

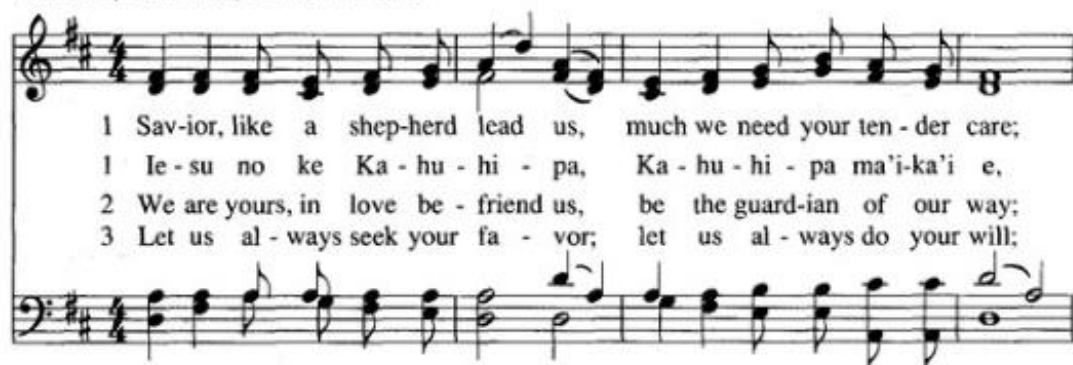
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Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847)

John 10:1-29

From Hymns for the Young, 1836; alt.

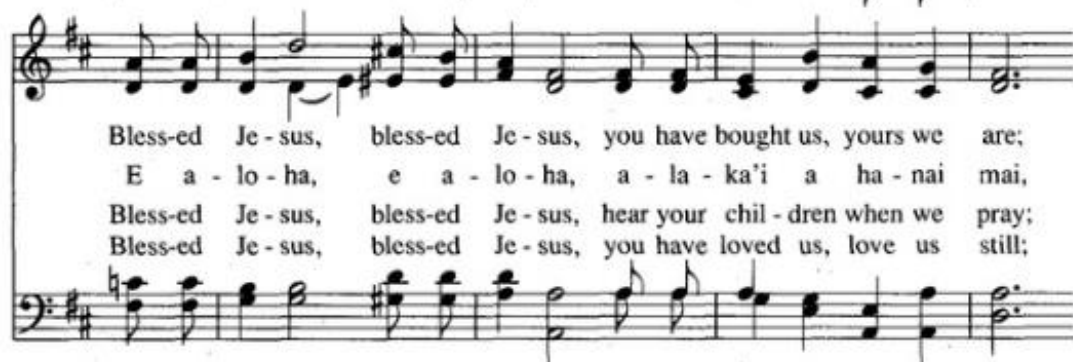
St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807-1886)



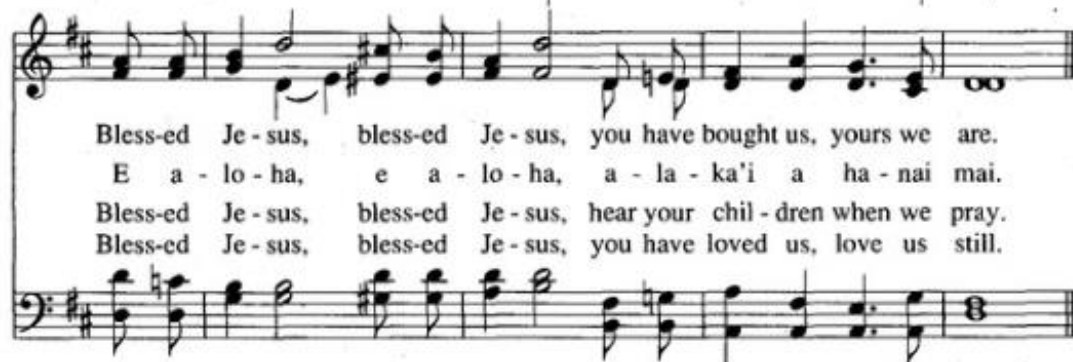
1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten - der care;  
 1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,  
 2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;



in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre- pare.  
 Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are;  
 E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray;  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still;



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The theme of Christ as shepherd is familiar and beloved to Christians. Emma Lyons Doyle, granddaughter of Laiana (translator Lorenzo Lyons), once said, "If you want to know the full beauty of this hymn, hear it sung in Hawaiian."

Tune: BRADBURY 8.7.8.7.D.  
 William B. Bradbury, 1859