

Faithful Sheep

Silent Prayer

*Passing the Peace

Listening to the Word

New Testament	Acts 4:5-12	Pew Bible, 121
The Psalter	Psalms 23 (R 2)	Red hymnal, 754
The Gospel	John 10:11-18	Pew Bible, 103
Anthem	"The Lord Is My Shepherd" – Goodall	Janet Krieb
The Sermon	"Good Shepherd, Faithful Sheep"	Dick Clark
Sermon Response	"Shepherd Me, O God"	Black hymnal, 2058

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"Luiqi Tarisio was found dead one morning with hardly any creature comforts in his home, except the presence of 246 exquisite violins. He had been collecting them all his life. They were all stored in the attic, the best in the bottom drawer of an old rickety bureau. In his very devotion to the violin, he had robbed the world of all that music. Much of that collection was owned by others before him who had done the same. So that when the greatest of his collection, a Stradivarius, was first played it had had 147 speechless years. How many of Christ's people are like old Tarisio? In our very love of the church we fail to give the glad tidings to the world; in our zeal for the truth we forget to publish it. When shall we all learn that the Good News needs not just to be cherished, but needs to be told? Don't bury God's Good News of Easter at the bottom of a rickety old bureau. Let the people hear the great sound of the music: He is Risen!"
-Adapted from James S. Hewett, Illustrations Unlimited.

Offertory	"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"	Dykes
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*Dedication Song	"Seek Ye First"	Red hymnal, 405
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***Prayer of Dedication**

Unison

O God, we do not dedicate this offering to you as a sign of our duty or as a demand for blessings. Your love for us has moved us toward you, and we offer what we can as tokens of your love. May these offerings increase the awareness of your abundance and love in the world. Amen.

Celebrating Holy Communion

The Invitation to Communion

This is the Lord's Table. We are all invited without exception because Jesus, our Lord, invites us all without exception. The Spirit calls us to gather, to come to this place and meet the Living Jesus. Come with open hands and open hearts. Come now and take your place at this table where Jesus is Host.

The Great Thanksgiving

Red hymnal, 15-16

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Sharing the Bread and Cup**

(Everyone is invited to come forward, receive the bread, dip it in the cup, and partake. Please bring a Communion offering for our St. Tims Hunger Fund, which helps provide food, utilities, and rent for needy families.)

Unison Prayer

Gracious God, giver of all good things, empower us through our sharing of bread and wine to be your people, to proclaim in word and deed the love you have for all. May this holy food nourish and sustain us on our life journeys as we seek to follow Jesus. May his vision of your compassionate heart be our vision. May his courage be our courage. Now, send us out into the world you love, to care for that world and all life within it. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Going Forth

***Closing Song**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Red hymnal, 381

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response**

"Shepherd Me, O God"

Black hymnal, 2058

***Postlude**

"Shepherd's Sunday Song"

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