

**. IN OUR PRAYERS**

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Janet Rondeau’s nephew, Shirley Mockel, Ruth Gagnon, Tricia Cusack and  
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**Around the Word:** Inmates of Modelo De Penitentiary in the Dominican  
Republic

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*We cherish the joyful noises of your children as an integral part of our worship. We embrace the wiggles and curious questions that come along*

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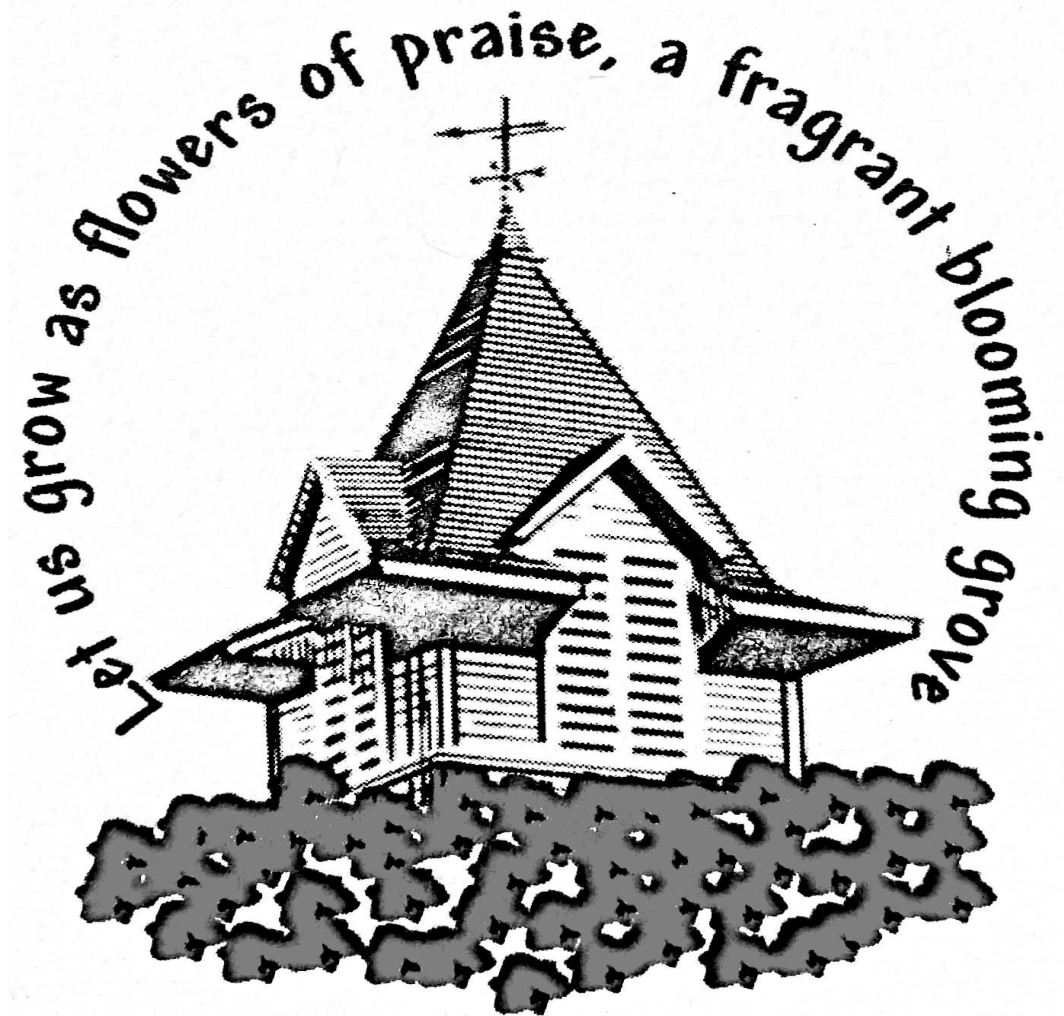
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Please rise, in body or spirit; lines in **bold type** are read or sung aloud by the people.

## WE REACH UP, ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

### Prelude

### Votum

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Come, let us gather under the care of the Good Shepherd, who leads us beside still waters.

**We come, seeking the paths of righteousness, ready to be restored in soul and spirit.**

The Shepherd calls each of us by name and guides us into the safety of God's embrace.

**We follow, trusting in the One who lays down His life for the sheep.**

Here, love is laid down in sacrifice, and here, love calls us to live out God's truth.

**Together, we worship, embodying Christ's love and care for the world.**

\*Hymn I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art page 6

### \*God's Greeting

### Call to Praise

### Prayer of Praise

Loving God, we praise you for your tender care and unwavering presence in our lives. Like a shepherd who guards and guides the flock, you watch over us with love that knows no bounds. In green pastures and dark valleys alike, your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives.

## Shepherd Me, O God (Psalm 23)

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Capo 1: (Em) (C) (G) (D)  
Refrain Fm D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

(Bm7) (C) (Am7) (Bm7) (Em)  
Cm7 D<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m7 Cm7 Fm

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Leader stanzas included in Accompaniment Edition

### PSALM 23

#### Refrain

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.**

*Refrain*

- 3 He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.
- 4 **Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I fear no evil,  
for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

*Refrain*

- 5 Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.
- 6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house  
of the LORD forever.** *Refrain*

### PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd,  
in the waters of Baptism you give us  
birth,  
and at your table you nourish us with  
heavenly food.

In your goodness and mercy,  
lead us along safe paths,  
beyond the terrors of evil and death,  
to the house of the Lord  
where we may rest securely in you  
forever.

**Amen.**

# I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,  
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,  
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,  
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;  
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,  
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place;  
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;  
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.  
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;  
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;  
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.  
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.  
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

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**Your love is revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who taught us how to love and care for one another. We thank you for your Spirit, who empowers us to live out this love in action. Accept our prayer of praise, for you are our Good Shepherd, and we are the people of your pasture.**

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## God's Hope for our Living

### 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.*

### Ministry of Music

### Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

## WE REACH IN, RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS IN WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lesson

Psalm 23

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This is the Word of the Lord

### Thanks be to God

### \*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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### \*Gospel Lesson

This is the Gospel of our Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

John 10:11-18

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

**Scripture Lesson**

**1 John 3:16-24**

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Meditation**

**Do we need a Shepherd?**

**WE REACH OUT, SHARING LOVE AND SERVICE**

Call to the Offering

Offertory

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of Intercession and 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever Amen.*

**\*Hymn Go with Us, Lord**

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**Go with Us, Lord**

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Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and

ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it

strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

**Announcements:**

**Spring Work Day on May 4.** We will have a more detailed list coming soon. Plan to work outside and inside that day. Starting at 9AM.

**Reading Scripture with God (Lectio Divina)**

Are you curious or wondering if GOD has a message for you? If yes, then YOU are welcome to join other folks as we read one passage from the Bible and ask ourselves what GOD might be saying to each one of us. *You can share that personal insight or you can "pass"*. ALL people are welcome. Visitors are encouraged to come, listen and experience for yourself. Bibles are provided. Please bring paper and pen/pencil. We meet in the Ammerman library room.

Sessions are held twice per month on the **second and fourth Wednesdays.**

Please arrive by 10:25 AM with a start time at 10:30 Usually we are finished by 11:30 AM depending on how many people attend. Contact Sharon for more information.