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*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.*



*Welcome to our Combined
10:15am Worship Service
In-Person & Streaming Online*



**Sunday, May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
Festival of the Christian Home**

Welcome

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,
and may you receive strength and guidance today
That will enable you to handle life's challenges.*

Children's Bulletins

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex.
The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

Biblias en Español

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul.
(*Bilingual Bibles in Spanish & English are available in the narthex hallway on the blue visitors' table*).

Nursery

Persons of all ages (including children) are very welcome to participate in the entire worship service. For safety, during the COVID pandemic we temporarily ceased having supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, on Sunday, September 11, 2022. In the meantime, parents who would like to do so, are welcome to watch their own children in the nursery, where a closed circuit TV is located, so that you can still see and hear the worship service.

Junior Worship

For safety, during the pandemic we temporarily ceased offering Junior Worship. We will resume Junior Worship on Sunday, September 11, 2022. The option of Junior Worship is offered downstairs, on the 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month, following the children's sermon, for elementary age children to learn more about today's scripture lessons.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

Changing Tables

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

Water Fountains

For the safety of all, our water fountains are disabled during the pandemic.

Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am.

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

Prayer and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

Looking for a Church to Call Home

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider St. Paul's or Zion United Church of Christ. For more information about St. Paul's, Zion, and the UCC, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our churches.

More Information....

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the **Blue Visitor Table** in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP

We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

*Please Do Not move the red ribbons or sit where they are placed.
They are there for your safety and the safety of those around you to help designate social distancing.*

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ②

Eternal God, draw us together from paths of aimless wandering. Lead us today toward the community you intend. Draw the fragments of our lives together into some meaningful whole. Help us deal with present concerns in constructive ways, yet point us beyond ourselves to engage with you in larger issues. Help us feel the hunger and thirst of others; then lead your church to make a caring response. May your love fill us and overflow into other lives. Amen.

PRELUDE *“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”* arranged for piano by John Carter

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *“Thine Is the Glory”* all verses **W&R # 310**
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*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP ②

Leader: Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us;
come alive to the Spirit’s energy among us.

**People: God awakens us and restores our souls.
Surely God’s goodness and mercy are with us here.**

Leader: The shepherd is calling us to new ventures.
Come to drink from springs of living water.

**People: We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys.
Surely God will guide our search for truth.**

We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

*CALL TO CONFESSION ② (Leader)

How often it is winter in our lives. The good we would do seems frozen within us, and our faith at times can be cold and sluggish. A voice calls us to believe and to care, to confess our doubts and awaken the potential within us.

*CONFESSION OF SIN ② (Unison)

O God, we look at events around us and often cannot perceive you within them. We shed tears and find not enough comfort. We listen for your voice and in our impatience are greeted by silence. The world seems full of enemies waiting to devour us. On every hand, there are problems seemingly too complicated for us to solve. We live in fear rather than faith. We seek to first alleviate our physical anxieties, rather than seeking growth in our spiritual lives with you. We cry out to you, O Lord, for answers. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON ② (Leader)

In the silence, there is presence too deep for words. The works of God surround us even now, bearing witness to an unseen hand. Multitudes of people from every nation and time join in chorus: "Salvation belongs to our God!" The shepherd will guide us to springs of living water, and our tears will be wiped away. We are freed to live boldly and courageously, through Christ! **Amen.**

*CALL TO PRAISE

Leader: Let us sing praise to our risen Savior.

People: **We praise our Good Shepherd's holy name.**

*SUNG PRAISE

"Alleluia"

CH #189

You're my shepherd, alleluia; I will praise you, alleluia.

You're my shepherd, alleluia; I will praise you, alleluia!

Text: Jerry Sinclair & Benjamin Motz

{please be seated}

We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings. We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God." Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

First Lesson: [Acts 9:36-43](#)

Second Lesson: [Psalm 23 \(KJV\)](#) in unison

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 prepares 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.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: "A Journey with Mary Mother of Jesus"

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

HYMN "O God, Whose Steadfast Love"

all verses

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

1. Praise him, Praise him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.

Praise him, Praise him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.

2. Love him...

3. Thank him...

SERMON

We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have
learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by
re-affirming our faith in God,
praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and
giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.*

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER ②

Leader: God of all creation, pour out your blessing on all mothers

People: and those who are not mothers, but provide motherly care.

Leader: You have made them in your image

People: and given them children to love and care for in your name.

Leader: Bless them with a heart like your heart;

People: loving and kind, comforting and strong, nurturing and grace-filled.

Leader: As they participate in your ongoing creativity,

People: give them discernment to help their children discover their unique gifts.

Leader: As they teach children,

People: grant them wisdom to know what is truly valuable.

Leader: As they strive to share your unconditional love,

People: give them long-suffering patience and a lively sense of humor.

Leader: As they model your mercy,

**People: help them extend the forgiveness that they themselves freely receive
From you.**

Leader: In all circumstances fortify their faith,

People: that they may love you above all.

Leader: We ask this in Jesus' name.

ALL: Amen.

*SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

♫ Blue #340

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face;

**And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and
grace.**

Music & Text: Martin Nystrom

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OFFERTORY INVITATION ②

Leader: Surely the goodness of God overflows in our lives.

People: Take time to count your blessings.

Leader: The works of God are all around us.

**People: In these moments, we have the opportunity to offer ourselves and our
substance to extend God's work on earth.**

RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

Online Giving

*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.*

*Whether worshipping in person or online,
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church
is through St. Paul's UCC secure [Online Giving](#) option on our website at sprucc.org. [St. Paul's UCC Click Here](#)
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551
or Zion UCC; PO Box 97; Womelsdorf, PA 19567}.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Paraphrase of Psalm 23" with a tune from the Southern Harmony of 1825

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Alleluia" CH #189 You are worthy, alleluia, You are worthy, alleluia, You are worthy, alleluia, You are worthy, alleluia!

Text: Jerry Sinclair

*OFFERTORY PRAYER ② (Leader)

Leader: Loving God, make these moments a feast of dedication to your purposes among us. May we serve you night and day, wherever we are, in all we do. Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever!

ALL: Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion ①②

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the central act of Christian worship, bringing us more fully together with one another and the Triune God, through the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 26:20-30, Mark 14:17-26, Luke 22:14-23, John 13:21-30)

*INVITATION

Leader: Dearly beloved in the Lord: Our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ instituted the Holy Communion of his Body and Blood, that it might be the abiding memorial of his atoning death; the seal of his perpetual presence in the Church through the Holy Spirit; the mystical representation of the sacrifice of himself on the cross; the pledge of his undying love for his people; and the bond of his living union and fellowship with them to the end of time.

ALL: The celebration of the Lord's Supper has ever been regarded by the Church as the innermost sanctuary of the whole Christian worship. What we do here is not merely with signs, but with the realities these signs represent. We seek to approach the Lord's Table rightly, striving to be devout and repentant, with a believing mind.

Leader: We cordially invite to partake of this Sacrament all who are truly grieved and penitent for their sins, who look to the Lord Jesus Christ for righteousness and salvation, who abide in the fellowship of his Church, and who desire to possess his Spirit and walk in his ways. To all such the compassionate Redeemer himself says: Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

***COMMUNION PRAYER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, who created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, who made humankind in your own image, and whose tender mercies are over all your works.

We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none.

We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless.

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.

We give thanks to you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy and sing....

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

***SANCTUS**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Seraphic Hymn

{Sanctus is Latin for "Holy." Seraphic Hymn refers to the song of the Seraphim Angels. Sabaoth is a Hebrew name for God, referring to God as both creator and ruler of the world.}

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

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{Please be seated}

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader:

Lord, we remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**ALL: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Ordained Minister:

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We offer you these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people.

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, on this Sunday of the Festival of the Christian Home, both here at this table in this sanctuary and in the homes of those who are gathered as the church even though separated by physical distance, we are one in your spirit, and bless us that we receive them, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united in communion with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

ALL: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

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,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People: grant us peace.

CALL TO THE SUPPER

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, for all things are ready.

BREAKING THE BREAD, RAISING THE CUP, AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*{For those who have the pre-filled cups:
open the first seal - unleavened bread wafer}*

Pastor: The Body of Christ broken for you. Take and eat.
People: Amen.

{You may eat the bread}

*{For those who have the pre-filled cups:
open the second seal - the fruit of the vine - grape juice}*

Pastor: The Blood of Christ shed for you. Take and drink.
People: Thanks be to God.

{You may drink the wine or grape juice}

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,
we go out into the world to share God's Good News
through our words and actions.*

*COMMISSION ②

Leader: We are invited to make God's house our home.
We are sent out into God's world to serve.

**People: God has been with us through life's darkest valleys.
We have been equipped to help others on their journeys.**

Leader: God leads us by still waters and restores our souls.
God knows us better than we know ourselves.

**People: Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our life.
We will dwell in the house of our LORD forever.**

ALL: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

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*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

♪Red #558

*SENDING HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" all verses

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{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,
as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}

POSTLUDE

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

ALL are invited
*to share in a time of Refreshments and Fellowship
in the downstairs Miller Fellowship Hall*



The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) We experience greater oneness with God and each another through Communion
- (9) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



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About Today

Church Season: Easter – The Easter Season begins on Easter Sunday, and continues for seven weeks until Pentecost. 40 days and six Sundays before Easter; a season of penitence as we reflect upon our personal sins, which led to the need for the sacrifice of Jesus’ life for us upon the cross.

The root word of “Lent” means to “lengthen”, referring to the lengthening of days as we anticipate spring and the new life granted through the resurrection – moving from darkness to light.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

White – symbolizing the defeat of death and darkness of sin with the resurrection to eternal life, and the light of the resurrected Christ.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year C**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Luke.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ’s birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church). The first four books of the NT are called the “Gospels,” which Christians consider the most central books of the Bible; the rest of the NT takes place after his ascension into heaven.

This Sunday, May 8, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

The Acts of the Apostles

The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles (NT) are attributed to Luke “the beloved physician” written around 59-90 A.D. This is essentially volume 2 of the Gospel of Luke. The Book of Acts records the ministry of the early church after the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven, and guides us how we are to live, act, work, and be the church.

Psalm 23

In this OT song written by King David, we express our trust in the LORD to lead us through even in the darkest times of our lives, and we proclaim our faith that we will dwell with God and all the saints in light in a life everlasting.

The Revelation to John (Apocalypse)

This is the last book in the NT, which is a prophetic book written by a person named “John” who was probably born into the Jewish faith in Palestine and moved to Asia Minor between 66-73 A.D. This is probably not the same John who wrote the Gospel of John or the Letters of John. This book is believed to be written between 64-96 A.D. Some scholars believe that this book developed over a period of time, with 1:4-11 and 4:1-22:5 being written around 64 A.D., and the rest of the book being written sometime between 81-96 A.D. The genre of this book is apocalypse (revelation). Biblically, an apocalypse is usually a first-person narrative (generally written under a pen name of a noted Biblical character) where the author retells a vision about the future, heaven, or both.

The Gospel According to John

The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles is attributed to Luke “the beloved physician,” written around 59-90 A.D. (C.E.). Not having met Jesus personally, Luke undertook the task of “investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write and orderly account” of Jesus Christ, “so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.”

Next Sunday, May 15 -- Lectionary Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35



May 8, 2022

Babysitters Needed for Spring Annual Meeting

We are looking for babysitters for our upcoming Spring Annual meeting taking place June 3-4 at West Chester University. Anyone interested must be over the age of 18 and must have their PA clearances. Time slots being sought are as follows:

Friday, June 3:

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

1:15 pm – 4:00 pm

6:15 pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, June 4:

8:45 am – 12:00 noon

1:15 pm – 5:30 pm

Sitters may work one shift, an entire day or both days. Sitters will receive free lunch and/or dinner if covering both shifts on either side of those meal times. Compensation will be \$20/hour. Please share this opportunity with childcare/ nursery attendants you know. Anyone interested should contact Susan at the Conference office at susan@psec.org.



For agenda, documents and more information regarding

Spring Annual Meeting 2022...

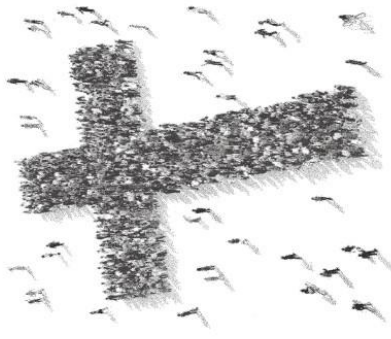
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PSEC SPRING ANNUAL MEETING 2022 Registration Closes May 16th Are Your Church Delegates Registered?

On **May 16**, registration closes for the Annual Spring Meeting in West Chester. Please register your clergy, church delegates, visitors and children **as soon as possible!** There is also a registration option to view general sessions without voice or vote virtually.

Register at: <https://psecspring2022.eventbrite.com>



Living the Jesus Life: Contemplatives in Action

Friday, June 3—Saturday, June 4, 2022
@ West Chester University
700 S. High St. , West Chester, PA

“**Living the Jesus Life — Contemplatives in Action**” is the theme of this year’s Annual Spring Conference meeting. We intend to meet in person for a time of soulful recovery and revival amid the exhaustion created by the pandemic and the new realities to which we’ve had to adapt. Spiritual practices (prayer, meditation, scripture study) and active living (ministering to the needs of our communities) unite us for a weekend of living together the Jesus life.

There are currently no COVID related restrictions for attendance at this meeting. We are following CDC guidelines for large group gatherings. Should those guidelines change, our meeting restrictions will change accordingly. We will keep you updated via our website and PSEC eNews.

Thine Is the Glory

Eb Eb Bb7 Eb Eb Bb Bb7 Eb Bb Eb Eb
 G F G D G

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with-

Eb Fm Eb Bbsus Bb7 Eb Bdim Cm
 G G

vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let his church with glad - ness
 out thee: aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors,

Ddim7 Cm Ddim Cm G Cm F7
 Eb F Eb

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth:
 through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
 Gm Eb F Bb Eb Eb Bb7 Eb Eb Bb Bb7 Eb Bb
 G G F D G

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

O God, Whose Steadfast Love

Gen. 18:9-15; 1 Sam. 1:1-20; Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-7

James L. Haddix, 1986; rev. 1994

1 O God, whose stead-fast love true moth - er - hood has blessed;
 2 Your prom - is - es, O God, so sure through-out the years,
 3 In your great love, O God, full par - ent - hood is known:
 4 May your house-hold of faith one fam - i - ly be - come,

who shields the in - fant small up - on its moth - er's breast:
 have lived in moth - ers' hearts, have bloomed from moth - ers' tears.
 a fa - ther mourns his child, a moth - er's strength is shown.
 that love may be in - creased and none may be a - lone;

Em - brace us, too, O God, our God, and hold us in your
 So Sar - ah laughed, and Han - nah wept, and sing - ing Mar - y
 Let par - ents' faith - ful lives un - bind your love that through them
 That moth - er's love and fa - ther's care and chil - dren's joy we

lov - ing arms, and hold us in your lov - ing arms.
 se - crets kept, and sing - ing Mar - y se - crets kept.
 we might find Christ's deep - er love for hu - man - kind.
 all may share, and chil - dren's joy we all may share.

United Church of Christ minister James Haddix wrote this text for the "Festival of the Christian Home." It was dedicated and sung to his mother, Margaret Ann Lewis Haddix, at a reception in Missouri recognizing her thirty-year career as a first-grade teacher.

Tune: RHOSYMEDRE 6.6.6.6.8.8.8.
 John D. Edwards, c. 1840

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 688

He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. John 10:3

D $\frac{A}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D A $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 A9 $\frac{F\#m}{A}$ A7 D

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. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin-ful tho' we be;
 4. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;

D $\frac{A}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D A $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 A9 $\frac{F\#m}{A}$ A7 D

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:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse and pow'r to free:
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our be-ings fill:

D G $G^{\#4}_2$ G D A A9 $\frac{F\#m}{A}$ $\frac{A7}{C\#}$ D

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;

D G $G^{\#4}_2$ G D $D^{\#4}_2$ D A7 D

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
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Optional segue to "Lead Me, Lord." No transition is needed, but tempo will be faster. ♩ = ca. 120