

# *Salem United Church of Christ*

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Psalm 23:1

March 22, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

*Today's Worship Leaders:*

Rev. Jeremy R. Wood, Senior Pastor & Dawn Reinhardt, Music Director

*We are God's children called to seek, share, teach, and continue to experience the Word of God.*

## Ringing of the Bell

### Prelude / Lighting of the Candles

**“Via Dolorosa”**

*Blue prayer cards are located in the pew racks for you to write and share your prayer concerns. These prayer cards will be collected during the first hymn of the service by the ushers.*

### +Call to Worship

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: “I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.”

**As shepherds look after their scattered flocks when they are with them, so will the Lord look after His sheep.**

“I will tend them in good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land.”

**God will tend His sheep and search for the lost. God will bring back the strays and strengthen the weak. Let us worship the Lord!**

### +Opening Prayer

### +Opening Hymn

**“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

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### +Prayer of Confession

God of hope and safety, like sheep who go astray, we have wandered from your paths of life and light. We have heard the Shepherd's voice calling us by name, but we have turned instead to our own way. Show us your tender mercy; restore us in the security of your fold. Lead us back to still waters, seat us again at your bounteous table. Fill us with your Spirit, that we might bear glad witness to your saving mercy, revealed to us in the Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### +Assurance of Pardon

### +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.***

### Epistle Reading

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

### Time with Children

### Special Music

**“As the Deer / My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

### Wisdom Reading

**Psalm 23**

### Sermon

**“The Lord is My Shepherd”**

**+Confession of Faith-The Apostles' Creed**

(see insert)

**+Pastoral Prayer**

**The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God**

**Invitation & Offertory**                    ***“Peace in the Valley”***

**+Doxology**                    *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**+Prayer of Dedication**

**+Closing Hymn**                    ***“God Leads Us Along”***                    **597**

**+The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)**

**Our Life Together**

**+Benediction**

**+Response**                    ***“May the Lord, Mighty God”***  
May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever;  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes to see His face, and His grace forever;  
May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

**+Postlude**

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+ Indicates where you may stand, if able; **bold print** indicates where the congregation reads.  
Call to Worship: Chip Hardwick, *The Pastor’s Workshop*, alt; adapted from Ezekiel 34:11-16  
Opening Prayer: *The Revised Common Lectionary*  
Prayer of Confession: Beliefnet  
Assurance of Pardon: Gord Waldie, St. Paul’s United Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta  
Benediction: Aaronic Blessing – Numbers 6:24-26

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We, Salem UCC, broadcast our worship service on the internet via Livestream. If you have concerns regarding your image or your family’s image being broadcast, you may want to consider sitting in the balcony, the wings, or the back of the church. Children’s Time is broadcast, so please take that under consideration.

Large print song sheets are available upon request. Please see an usher.

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## ~ SALEM'S CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Sunday	March 22	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	March 23	10:30 a.m.	Weekly Bible Study with Pastor John
Wednesday	March 25	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
Sunday	March 29	10:00 a.m.	Worship

### **MONDAY MORNING REFLECTIONS**

Monday morning reflections at Maedge's has been suspended until further notice.

### **WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY**

Weekly bible study with Pastor John Mindrup will be held on Monday's at 10:30 a.m. via Livestream.

### **COMMUNITY HOPE CENTER WORK DAY**

The work day at Community Hope Center on Saturday, March 28 has been cancelled.

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

Place your Easter flower order by calling the office. Orders and payment are due **by Sunday, March 29.**

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected today. One Great Hour of Sharing special offering channels resources for international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster emergencies.

### **EXHALE'S EGG MY HOUSE FUNDRAISER**

Let Exhale be your Easter Bunny! We will bring candy-filled eggs and hide them around your yard the night before Easter so your children can hunt for them in the morning as if the Easter Bunny dropped them off! 30 eggs for \$25, 60 eggs for \$50, or 100 eggs for \$75. Tell your friends with young children. We will go anywhere in the Alhambra, Staunton, Hamel area. To reserve your spot, contact Becca at [rjbraundmeier@gmail.com](mailto:rjbraundmeier@gmail.com) or call/text at 618-520-0185.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT CANCELLED**

The Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 11 has been cancelled.

### **SALEM PHOTO DIRECTORY**

You are invited to participate in our upcoming professional photography session. Photography Dates: May 6, 7, 8, 9. To schedule your appointment, visit our website and click on the Lifetouch box on the bottom of our home page OR call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281 Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. Contact the church office for assistance.

# Time with Children

## *Chris the Sheep*



# The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
The one holy universal Christian Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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... That great shepherd of the sheep ... make you perfect in every good work.

— Hebrews 13:20-21

Attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp

BRADBURY  
William B. 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;

1 In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; For our use Thy folds pre-pare.  
2 *Keep Thy flock; from sin de - fend us; Seek us when we go a - stray.*  
3 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bos-oms fill.

1 Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
2 *Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je - sus, Hear Thy chil-dren when they pray;*  
3 Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;

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# God Leads Us Along

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... And the sheep hear His voice;  
and He calls His own sheep by name, and He leadeth them out. — John 10:3

GOD LEADS US  
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1 In shad - y, green pas-tures, so rich and so sweet, God leads His dear  
2 Some - times on the mount where the sun shines so bright, God leads His dear  
3 Though sor-rows be - fall us and e - vils op - pose, God leads His dear

1 chil-dren a - long; Where the wa - ter's cool flow bathes the wea-ry one's feet,  
2 chil-dren a - long; Some - times in the val - ley, in dark - est of night,  
3 chil-dren a - long; Thru grace we can con-quer, de - feat all our foes,

God leads His dear children a - long. Some thru the wa-ters, some thru the

flood, Some thru the fire, but all thru the blood; Some thru great sor-row, but

God gives a song, In the night sea-son and all the day long.

GUIDANCE