

*Through the Valle* by Sara Are  
A Sanctified Art

## Fourth Sunday of Lent Into the Wilderness

*March 22, 2020*  
*Zoom Worship*

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *Assurance / God Cares / He Leadeth Me* arr. Tom Birchwood

WELCOME Rev. Eric Sherlock

CALL TO WORSHIP Zac Furber-Dobson

One: When we can't be in the same room together.

**All: Touch us with your love, O God of life!**

One: When we must keep six feet apart.

**All: Touch us with your love, O God of life!**

One: When we aren't even supposed to touch our own faces.

**All: Touch us with your love, O God of life!**

One: Help us to feel your presence.

**All: Touch us with your love, O God of life!**

Words by Rev. Cindy Worthington-Berry  
Senior Pastor, UCC Boxborough

One: Peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another and pass the peace of Christ.

OPENING HYMN

# I Look to You in Every Need

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*Samuel Longfellow, 1864; alt.*

1 I look to you in ev - ery need, and nev - er look in vain; I  
 2 Dis - cour-aged in the work of life, dis - heart-ened by its load, Shamed  
 3 Se - rene and calm, you cir - cle me, my rest - less-ness to still; A -  
 4 En - fold - ed deep in your dear love, held in your law, I stand; Your

feel your strong and ten - der love, and all is well a - gain: The  
 by its fail - ures or its fears, I sink be - side the road; But  
 round me flows your quick-en-ing life, to nerve my fal-tering will: Your  
 hand in all things I be - hold, and all things in your hand; You

thought of you is might-ier far than sin and pain and sor - row are.  
 let me on - ly think of you and all my strength re - turns a - new.  
 pres - ence fills my sol - i - tude; your prov - i - dence turns all to good.  
 lead me in sur - pris - ing ways, and turn my mourn-ing in - to praise.

*Samuel Longfellow—poet, hymnwriter, and Unitarian minister—was the brother of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The German organist Reimann was a contemporary of J. S. Bach and traveled to Leipzig to hear Bach perform.*

Tune: O JESU 8.6.8.6.8.8.  
 Reimann's Sammlung Alter und Neuer  
 Melodien, 1747

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain,  
 we would rather shut our eyes  
 than see things as they really are.  
 Grant us the courage to face  
 the reality of our world,  
 and give us the strength to bring your light  
 to those who walk in the valley of darkness.  
 Help us see others as you see them,  
 and forgive us when we do not trust you enough  
 to open our eyes to the possibilities before us.  
 Lead us in the footsteps  
 of the Light of the World,  
 who reveals your glory in his life,  
 his teachings, and his love.  
 In his holy name, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Christ came to lead us in paths of righteousness  
 and to guide us through our lives.  
 Christ is with us in times of danger  
 and times of peace.  
 The goodness and mercy of God  
 are given to us each and every day of our lives.  
 God forgives us for our failings, upholds us in love,  
 and leads us to the place  
 that Christ has prepared for us.  
 Believe in your heart that God loves you  
 and forgives you.  
 We believe! God help our unbelief!**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Psalm 23*

Hazel Furber-Dobson

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
 God makes me lie down in green pastures;  
 God leads me beside still waters;  
 God restores my soul.  
 God leads me in right paths  
 for God’s name’s sake.  
 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
 I fear no evil;  
 for you are with me;  
 your rod and your staff—  
 they comfort me.  
 You prepare a table before me  
 in the presence of my enemies;  
 you anoint my head with oil;  
 my cup overflows.  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
 all the days of my life,  
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
 my whole life long.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Amy Furber-Dobson

POETRY PRAYER

*The Wilderness is a Place of Disruption*

By Sarah Are

Kim Michaud

My grandfather was a good man,  
 But he believed  
 That wilderness emotions  
 Were not to be seen.

Cry with the door closed,  
 Don't dwell on the negative.  
 Chin up, kid,  
 We've been here before.

My grandfather was a good man,  
 But I'd like to say—  
 The wilderness is here to interrupt  
 your previously-scheduled  
 programming.

Like water in the desert  
 And setting the slaves free,

The wilderness might be  
 The very thing we need,  
 The very thing we dream,  
 The very thing we plead For.

I guess what I'm trying to say is—  
 It never seems appealing  
 to let a bird  
 in the house,

But if you do,  
 Then you might as well  
 Open every window and door.

And if you do,  
 Then you just might find yourself

Basking in the light,  
 Dancing in the breeze,  
 Overwhelmed with the beauty  
 That an open door brings.

So I'm opening my door  
 And inviting in the wind,  
 To rustle up my heart  
 And start over again.

For sweeping the truth under the rug  
 Has never gotten us far.  
 So may the wilderness be like a  
 Bird in your house.

Throw open your doors.  
 The truth must come out.

## ANTHEM

*The 23rd Psalm (Dedicated to My Mother)*

Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,  
She makes me lie down in green meadows,  
Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul,  
She rights my wrongs,  
She leads me in a path of good things,  
And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk,  
through a dark and dreary land,  
There is nothing that can shake me,  
She has said She won't forsake me,  
I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me,  
in the presence of my foes,  
She anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me,  
All the days of my life,  
And I will live in her house,  
Forever, forever, and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter,  
And to the Holy of Holies,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World, without end. Amen

## TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Eric

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

(Email your requests to Pastor Eric or type them in the chat window.)

**All: Hear our prayer**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using these words or the words most familiar to you)

**Our Loving God, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

*Adagio*

Edvard Grieg

*During this time of virtual worship, we invite you to give online: <http://bit.ly/donatetodcc>.*

## CLOSING HYMN

(See next page.)

## BENEDICTION

Pastor Todd

## POSTLUDE

*My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff*

arr. Lani Smith

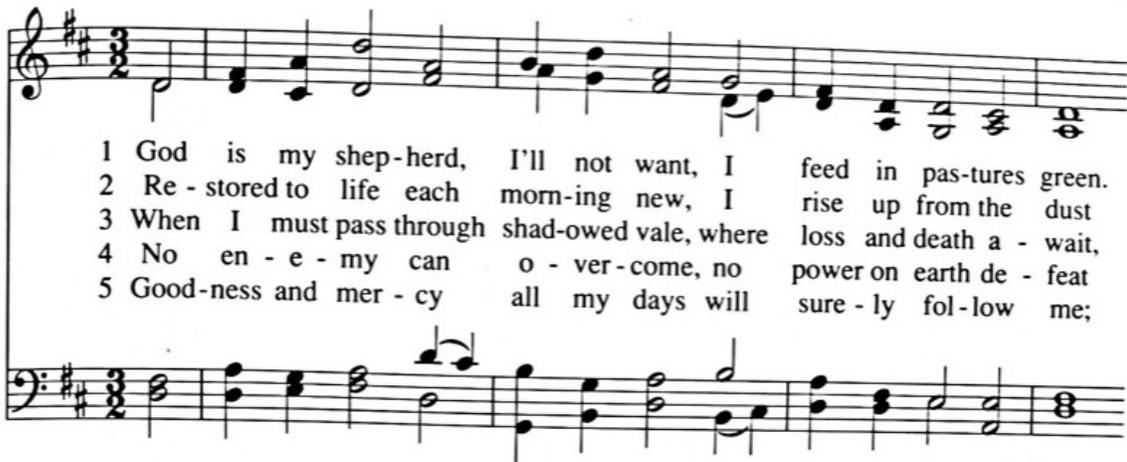
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- *If you would like to submit a prayer concern or joy for next Sunday's web-based worship, please email it to Pastor Eric at [eric@danvillechurch.org](mailto:eric@danvillechurch.org).*
  - *To keep up-to-date on news and announcements during this time of social distancing, please check your email regularly from DCC! All communication related to church news and events will be communicated via email!*

# God Is My Shepherd

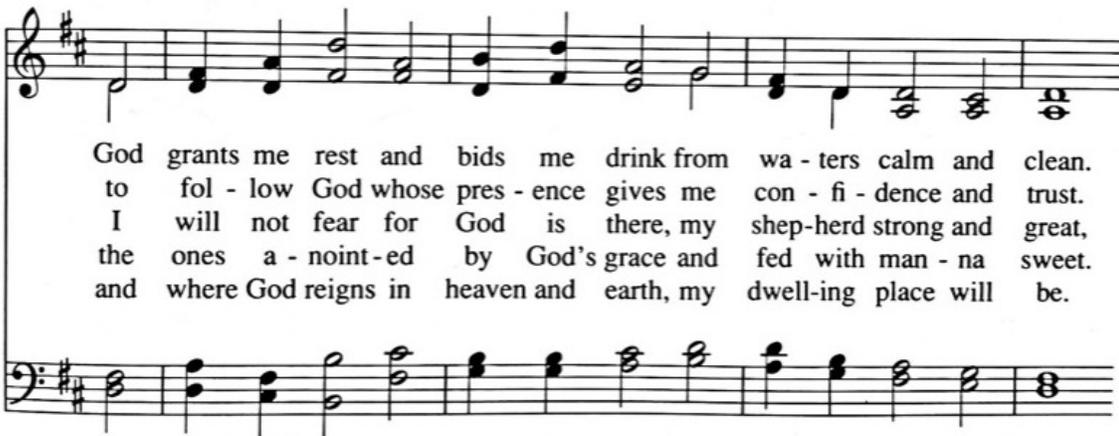
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Scottish Psalter, 1650  
Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992

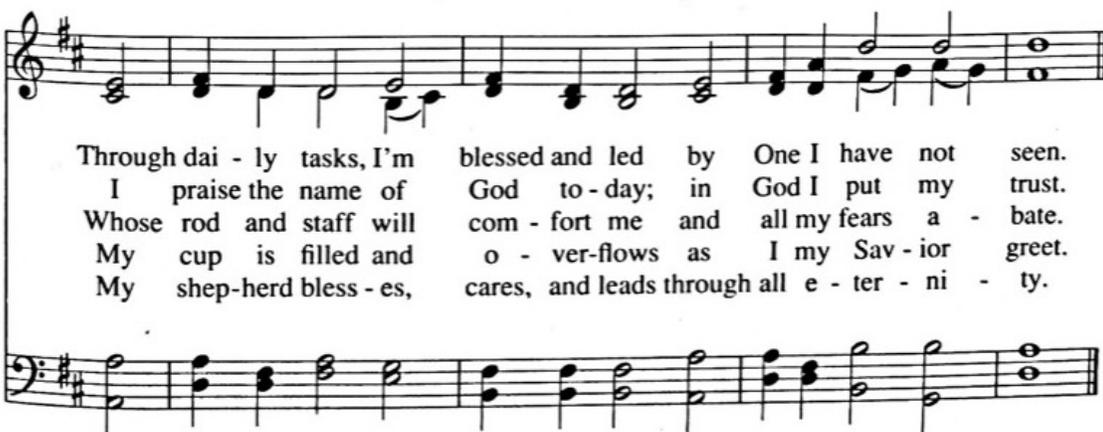
Ps. 23



1 God is my shep-herd, I'll not want, I feed in pas-tures green.  
2 Re - stored to life each morn-ing new, I rise up from the dust  
3 When I must pass through shad-owed vale, where loss and death a - wait,  
4 No en - e - my can o - ver - come, no power on earth de - feat  
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my days will sure - ly fol - low me;



God grants me rest and bids me drink from wa - ters calm and clean.  
to fol - low God whose pres - ence gives me con - fi - dence and trust.  
I will not fear for God is there, my shep-herd strong and great,  
the ones a - noint-ed by God's grace and fed with man - na sweet.  
and where God reigns in heaven and earth, my dwell-ing place will be.



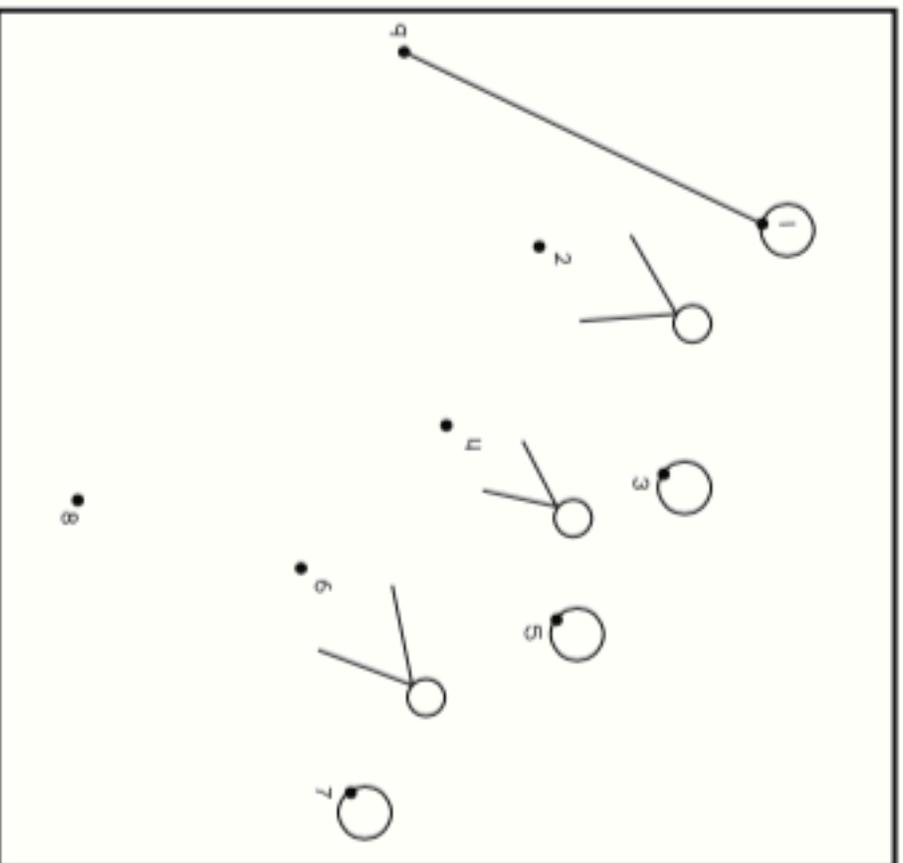
Through dai - ly tasks, I'm blessed and led by One I have not seen.  
I praise the name of God to - day; in God I put my trust.  
Whose rod and staff will com - fort me and all my fears a - bate.  
My cup is filled and o - ver - flows as I my Sav - ior greet.  
My shep-herd bless - es, cares, and leads through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*The Scottish Psalter of 1650, developed over a span of 100 years, is still in use today. Its metrical version of Psalm 23 is the most popular entry in this classic work of Protestantism.*

Tune: BROTHER JAMES' AIR 8.6.8.6.8.6.  
James Leith Macbeth Bain, c. 1840-1925  
Arr. Gordon Jacob, 1934

# CONNECT the DOTS

1 Samuel 16 tells the story of God choosing David to be the next king. Connect the dots to form a crown. Inside the crown, write or draw what makes a good leader (like wise, kind, humble, etc.)



# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, John 9:1-11



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# WORD SEARCH

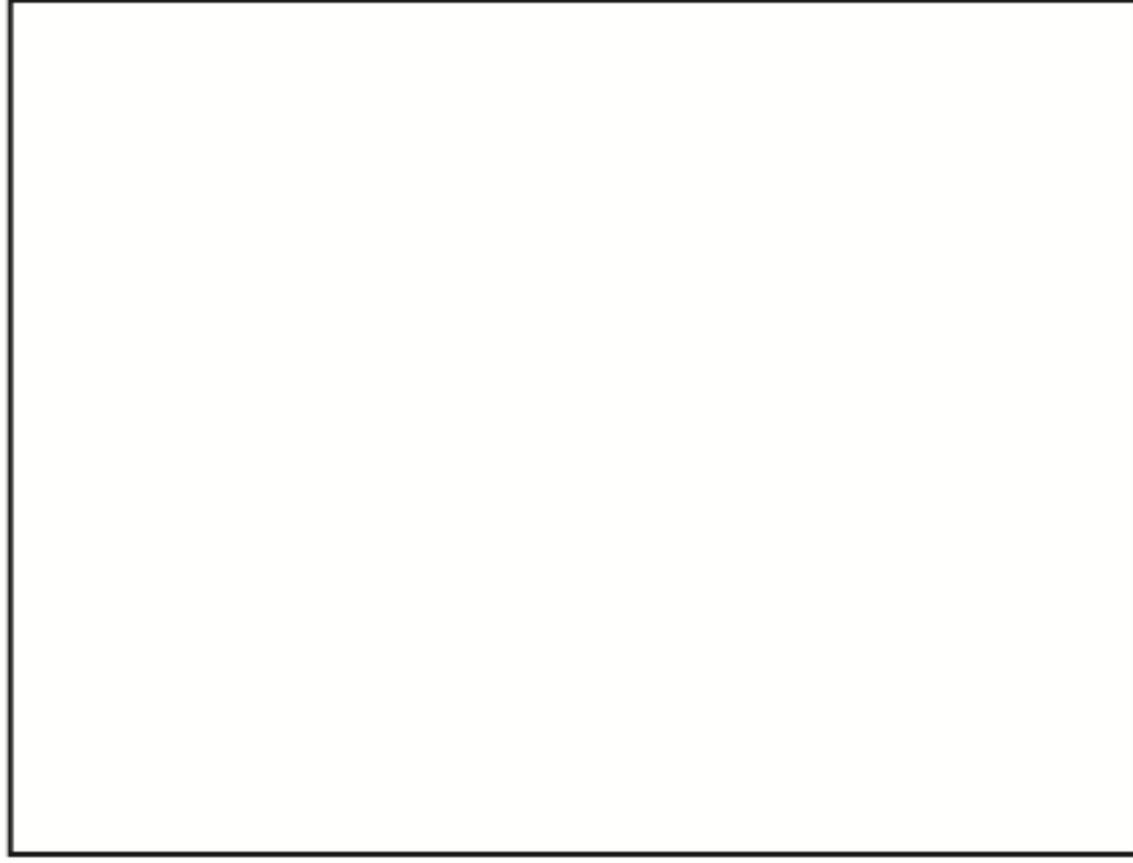


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MERCY  
HOUSE



## Upcoming Virtual Gatherings

*To lessen the impact of isolation during this season of social distancing, you are invited to join these opportunities for community and spiritual practice.*

- **Youth Group Zoom**, Sunday, March 22 at 5:00 pm: <https://zoom.us/j/683743275> or by Zoom app: **683 743 275**
- **Brainstorming Zoom** for parents/grandparents/friends teaching and engaging children at home: Monday, March 23 at 2:00 pm. Carol Gilliland will facilitate this conversation: <https://zoom.us/j/838524259> or by Zoom app: **838 524 259**
- **Parent Zoom**, Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm [A time of fellowship, conversation, and prayer with folks who have children at home or are parenting (or grandparenting) from a distance.]: <https://zoom.us/j/199852238> or by Zoom app: **199 852 238**
- **Mid-Day Zoom Devotional**, Wednesday, March 25 at Noon: <https://zoom.us/j/547683580>, by Zoom app: **547 683 580**, or by phone: dial **669-900-6833** and enter **547 683 580**
- **Zoom Family Devotional**, Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm: <https://zoom.us/j/800897222> or by Zoom app: **800 897 222**

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**The Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley**, Associate Pastor  
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**Nicole Doyle**, Nursery Attendant

The **DCC Prayer Team** prays daily for those in need of prayers.  
If you would like to submit a prayer request for yourself or someone else,  
contact a pastor or send an email to [prayers@danvillechurch.org](mailto:prayers@danvillechurch.org).  
All requests are kept confidential unless specified otherwise.

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