

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**April 25, 2021 - Easter 4**

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*"The Lord **IS** my shepherd. Not was, nor may be, nor will be...  
**IS** my shepherd on Sunday, is on Monday, and is through  
every day of the week; is in January, is in December, and  
every month of the year; is at home, and is in China; is in  
peace, and is in war; in abundance, and in penury."  
Hudson Taylor*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** "Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!" - C. M. Fillmore

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Psalm 23 - The Shepherd Psalm)

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**People: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He  
leadeth me beside the still waters.**

Pastor: He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name's sake.

**People: 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.**

Pastor: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine  
enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth  
over.

**People: 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.**

**\*HYMN** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" No. 63

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Come gracious God, set your daylight over all the earth; be sky in us. Bring again the furrow, flower and green, plow in our hearts. Send the sounds and songs of birds among the thickets and tree tops. Resurrect the earth's life of beauty and fruitfulness after the long winter and Covid isolation. So may we live in grace, exemplify love in what we say and do, and bring joy into the places of sorrow. Help us to live fully, and to nurture and support all forms of life that you may once again look upon this precious blue pearl planet and say once again as you did at creation, "And it was good." Amen

**\*GLORIA PATRI** "Glory Be to the Father" No. 575

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** Acts 2: 42-47 page 886

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "The Twenty-Third Psalm" - Arr. by Jay Althouse

## PRAYER REQUESTS

## PASTORAL PRAYER 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, forever. Amen."

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" No. 585

**OFFERTORY** (We request that you leave your contributions in the basket on your way out or mail them to Vi Scott.)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE** John 10: 1-10 page 872

**MESSAGE** "Thoughts on The Good Shepherd" - Rich Fournier

**\*HYMN** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 321 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

## BENEDICTION

**CHORAL RESPONSE** "Peace I Leave with You, My Friends" -  
Ray Repp

**POSTLUDE**

\*=All who are able, are invited to stand.

Announcements

Next Sunday, May 2nd, we will be sharing communion together. Plan to bring your own bread and grape juice. If you forget, there will be some individually packaged in the foyer for you to take as you enter the church.

For the month of May we are focusing on bringing in canned fruits and vegetables for the Food Pantry.



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