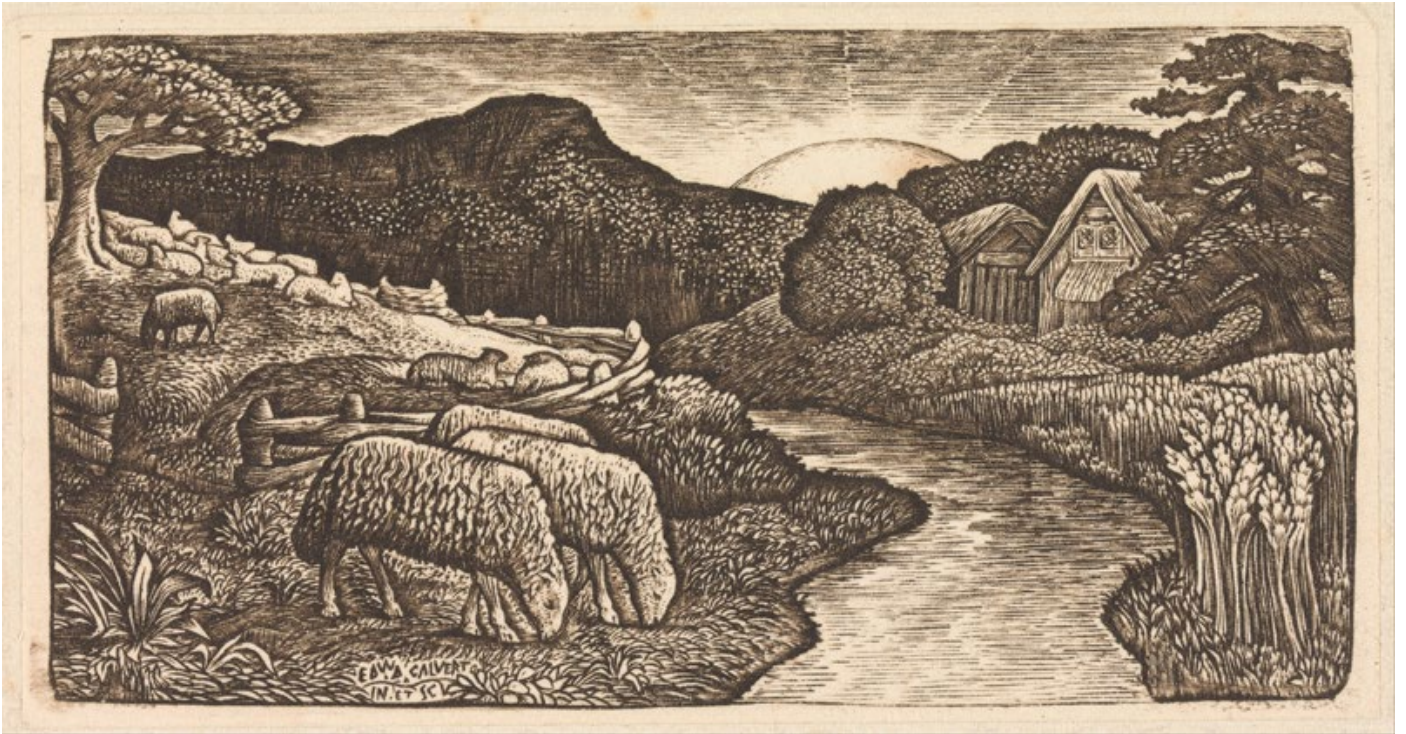


Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 30, 2023  
10:45 a.m.



*Sheep of His Pasture*, print of an engraving  
Yale Center for British Art, New Haven CT  
Edward Calvert, (1799-1883) Devon, England

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Robert Hobby  
(b. 1962)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich**

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit; unison parts are in bold.*

**\*Call to Worship**

**Sondra Watkins**

In Christ, the creator of the universe made a home on earth.

**Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

The source of all creation, he lives among the least.

**He walks alongside the poor and welcomes the weary.**

He invites all who are hungry to gather

**And be fed with good things!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of resurrection life, we confess that we allow our dreams to be limited by the world that we see. We leave imagination to kids, choosing to believe in little, and hope for even less. Forgive us, Gracious God. Enable us to not only dream, but to live your dream of a kingdom where all are welcomed and valued, where abundance is shared, and each person experiences belonging. We open ourselves to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

Assurance of Grace

\*Gloria 243 *Be Not Afraid*

BE NOT AFRAID

Be not a-fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!

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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### Moment with Faith Kids

### Prayer for Illumination

### Hebrew Bible Reading Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his 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.

**Music** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Michael Wilson

### New Testament Reading Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*All things in Common?!*

Rev. Goodrich

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

RESIGNATION

**Invitation to the Offering** *If you wish to contribute online, please scan the QR code with your mobile device to be directed to Faith's online giving site.*



**Offertory Anthem** *Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

arr. Katy Strand  
(b. 1947)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father** who art 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. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD

\*Benediction

**Postlude** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

John A. Behnke  
(b. 1953)

## Leading Worship Today

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich**, *Pastor*  
**Dr. Samuel Springer**, *Minister of Music & Organist*  
**Sondra Watkins**, *Liturgist*  
*The Chancel Choir*  
**Dawn Shirey**, *Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint*  
**Andy Fuller**, *Audio/Camera*

**WELCOME to Faith Presbyterian Church!** If you are visiting with us this morning, we hope you find our worship to be meaningful - your presence enriches our community. If you are seeking a church home, we hope you will return soon so that we might get to know you better. To learn about ways to get engaged in the life of Faith, check out our website, [www.faithpcbalt.org](http://www.faithpcbalt.org), and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, [cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org](mailto:cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org).

**KIDS are welcome at Faith!** Our PRAYGROUND at the front of the sanctuary is for children 6 and younger during worship. There are books and quiet activities to keep hands busy so ears can listen, and it's close to the action so that our youngest members can experience the beauty of worship in a space that's just for them.

**Restroom** – the closest restroom is outside the door at the front of the sanctuary (by the pulpit), just turn right.

**Wednesday Bible Study 11:00 a.m. on Zoom.** Join Cat every Wednesday to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome! Meeting ID: 818 8551 6595; Passcode: 716331

**The Forum:** Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, *Sundays, 9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom.*

Sign up for our weekly **News & Notes** by completing the visitor card or go to the website: [faithpcbalt.org](http://faithpcbalt.org) and navigate to "Contact Us."

In April our **Book Club** will be reading *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern* by Stephen Greenblatt. "An intellectually invigorating nonfiction version of a Dan Brown - like mystery-in-the-archives thriller" - Boston Globe. Please join us on **Tuesday, May 2 at 7pm** at the Nesbitts' home. Contact the office at [faithchurchbalt@gmail.com](mailto:faithchurchbalt@gmail.com) for more information.

**Youth from RPPC, Govans, & Faith** are invited to a game night on **May 7 at 6pm** at Roland Park Presbyterian Church.

**BUILD** invites the North Baltimore Stakeholders to meet on May 16 at 6:30pm at Northside Baptist Church to build relationships & identify common concerns.

**ECO FEST – thank you to all those who volunteered and all those who attended!**