

 ARCH STREET  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 19, 2023 /10:45 a.m.

## Order of Worship

**Prelude**

J. Donald Dumpson

**Work of the Community**

Carla Jones Brown

**\*Song of Praise**

This Is The Day

Congregation

**This is the day, this is the day,  
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made.**

**I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart.  
I will enter His courts with praise.  
I will say this is the day that the Lord hath made,  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.**

**He has made me glad; He has made me glad,  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad (2x)!**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Day by day, God leads us:

**People: to the deep, deep pools of peace, and to the green,  
lush lawns of grace.**

Leader: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**People: to pour out ourselves in service, and to anoint  
the stranger with hope.**

Leader: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**People: the community we could be, and the family  
we are called to become.**

**\*Hymn**(see insert)

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Congregation

**Invitation to tell the Truth**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy One, we confess that we fail to carefully consider our blurred sight. We are often so sure that we “see,” we miss the truths You would teach us. With the gift of your love, grant us clearer vision. Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures, and our own faults.**

**Make our unseen side known to us and help us to diminish it with the light of Your grace. For it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship You truly. In the name of Jesus, we pray...**

*A moment for silent reflection and confession*

Leader: We entrust these prayers to you O God. Amen

**All: Amen.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

### **Passing the Peace**

Amen, Amen, Amen!

Congregation

Leader: Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **\*Sung Response of Thanksgiving** Thank You, Lord

Congregation

**Thank You Lord (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.**

**Been So Good (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.**

**Saved My Soul (3x) I just want to thank you Lord.**

### **Scripture Reading** 1 Samuel 16:1-13 NRSV

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”<sup>2</sup> Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’”<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”

<sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?”<sup>5</sup> He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.”<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah

pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

Hiding in Plain Sight

Carla Jones Brown

**\*Response to the Word** *(see insert)*

Congregation

Called As Partners In Christ's Service

**Prayers of the People and the 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

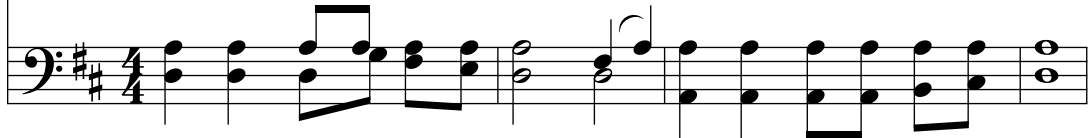
**Offering of Self and Benediction**

Carla Jones Brown

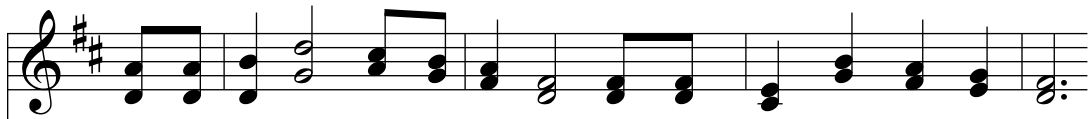
# Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

# Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

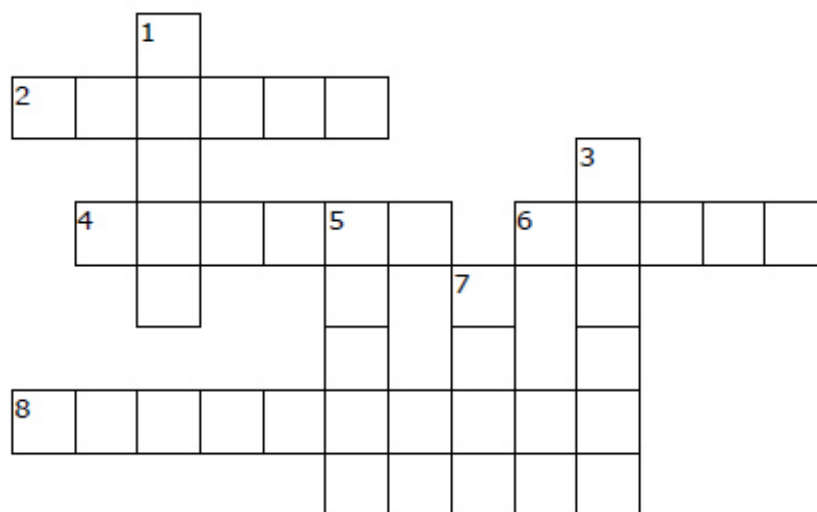
e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

# God Chooses a King

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

Based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13



## ACROSS

2. To make someone holy by pouring oil on their head
4. Distance from the top to the bottom of something; how tall someone is
6. The one that God chose to replace Saul as king
8. The way people seem to be, rather than how they are inside

## DOWN

1. Strength, energy, or force
3. The Prophet that God instructed to go Jesse's house in search of the new king
5. The center of a person's emotions or the organ that pumps blood through the body
7. A man who rules a country

APPEARANCE	ANOINT	POWER	HEART
SAMUEL	KING	HEIGHT	DAVID

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