

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WESTON UCC

EASTER 4

MAY 3, 2020

00:00 WELCOME

Rev. Richard Edens

00:10 PRELUDE

Preludes Op. 28, No. 7

F. Chopin
Dooseon Woo, Pianist / Organist

01:06 OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Richard Edens

01:34 MUSIC

The King of Love My Shepherd Is, vs. 1

Henry Williams Baker

ST. COLUMBA
Zen Kuriyama, Soloist

*The King of Love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.*

02:10 LESSON

Jessica Schendel, Deacon

John 10:1-10, NRSV

Jesus as the Good Shepherd is well-known imagery in Christian tradition. This image often seems to conjure for us a peaceful pastoral setting where sheep and shepherd wander the hillsides. However, real-life shepherding is far from peaceful. Following Jesus does not take us to unconflicted places. Yet as we listen for Jesus' voice, we are called by name and granted the assurance that we will have life and have it abundantly.

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again, Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

04:10 MESSAGE & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Jill Edens

12:46 MOMENT FOR MISSION – Bristol Lodge

Jessica Schendel

14:31 MUSIC

God is My Shepherd

Antonín Dvorák
Dooseon Woo, Pianist / Organist
Zen Kuriyama, Soloist

*God is my shepherd,
I want for nothing.
My rest is in the pleasant meadows.
He leadeth me where quiet waters flow.
My fainting soul doth He restore
and guideth me in the ways of peace,
to glorify His name.
And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander,
my spirit shall not fear,
for Thou art by me still.
Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.*

16:38 BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jill Edens

16:55 POSTLUDE

Excerpts of Jupiter from The Planet Suite Op. 32

G. Holst
Dooseon Woo, Pianist / Organist

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