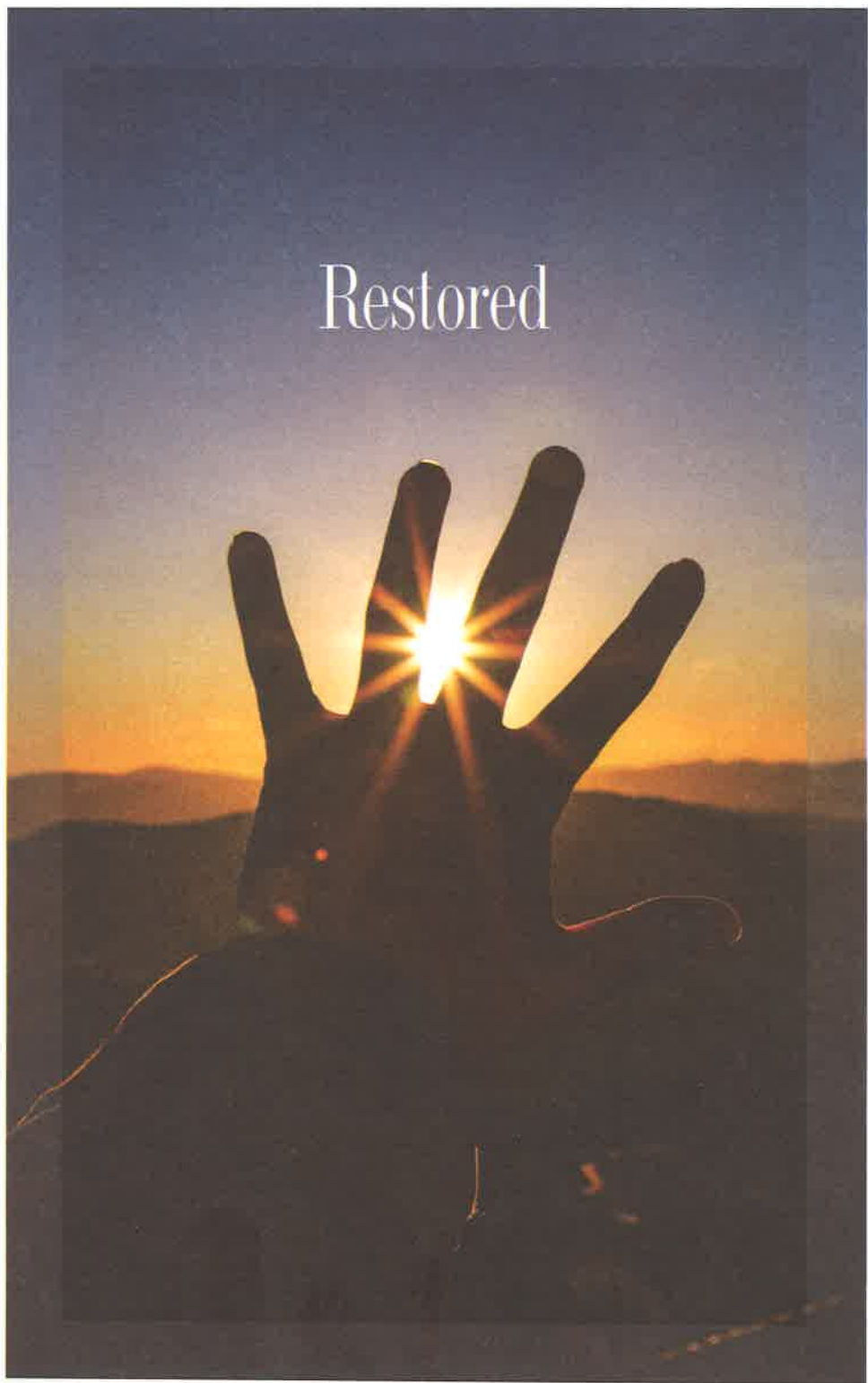


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*March 19, 2023*

# WELCOME

Welcome to Trinity Reformed UCC; where all are welcome, especially those who are single, married, widowed, divorced, rich, middle-class, poor, LGBTQIA+ (or not), living nearby or far away. No matter where you were born, what language you speak, your skin color, ethnicity, culture, ability, or disability, we welcome you. We also want you to know that we love crying newborns, active toddlers, kids, youths, adults, and seniors, and people who are thick, thin, short, tall, or in between. We welcome you whether you can sing high, sing low, sing only in the shower, try to sing, or if you cannot carry a tune in a bucket (our pastor can't either). You're welcome if you are a first-time visitor, have been here before, are a member, or if you do not really know why/what/who brought you here. We welcome You if you attend church weekly, sometimes, rarely, never, or if this your first time ever. We welcome you if you are baptized, aren't baptized, don't know, or don't even know what that means. We extend a special welcome to you if you have been hurt by Church and hope you will find nothing but love here. Please know that we welcome you with all your questions and doubts, beliefs, disbeliefs, and unbelief. In short:

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey: You are welcome here.

**Period.**

## WEEKLY SERVICES

### ONSITE

Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

Sunday School 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 8:30 AM

### ONLINE

Live at [tinyurl.com/trinf](http://tinyurl.com/trinf)

For more info visit us on the web at

[www.TrinityUCCCollegeville.org](http://www.TrinityUCCCollegeville.org)



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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532 East Main Street, Collegeville, PA 19426  
**PHONE: (610)489-4223**

## CHURCH EVENTS

**CHOIR PRACTICE** Thursday at 6:30PM  
& Sunday at 9:00 AM

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*3/26 & 4/23 after worship*

### **MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES**

*Wednesday at 7:30 PM.*

*see bulletin*

### **MOVIE & PASTA DINNER**

*Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM*

**(RSVP required by March 20<sup>th</sup>)**

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

*4/16 after worship*

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne E. Schwarz-Green  
Admin. Asst.: Anna Marie Abbonizio  
Accompanist: Alicia Hoffmann  
Cherub, Junior & Chancel Choirs: Carolyn Santoro  
Chime, Youth Bell & Adult Bell Choirs: Cindy Golden

The paraments for Lent are purple, symbolizing repentance as well as the royalty of Christ.

## NEW OR FIRST TIME HERE?

Thank you for choosing to worship here today. We are blessed by your presence. If you have questions, need assistance, or would like to be on our email list, please let one of the ushers know and/or fill out one of the visitor cards located in the pews.

## YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children are always welcome at Trinity. Greeters can provide you with an activity pad for children. If you require a space to care for your child's needs, an usher can help point you to the nursery. Consider enrolling your child in our Sunday School!

## THANK YOU

**Altar Flowers:** In loving memory of  
Carol Gainor  
**Usher/s:** Ed Snowden  
**Greeter/s:** Leda Peterson  
**Reader:** Carol Washburn

## **Prayer Box**

Please include the following individuals/causes to your daily prayers this week:

**Special Requests:** Tim Maurer & Family at loss of wife and mother Karen • Missy W. and her mother, Connie C. • Don & Joan R. • Cheryl W. • Aria & Family; Uncle Ken, Pap Pap, Nonnie (of Violet C) • Tracy & Kent (Tracy is Chris's colleague)

**Ongoing Requests:** Jackie H. (daughter of Angela S.) • Hubie B. • Leslie H. • Flo S. • Ron H. (friend of Earl & Cheryl H) • Ruth F. • Ray (cousin of Beth Z) & Charlene • Lisa K. (for family member in hospice), her daughter Jennie, and Jade (granddaughter of cousin) • Audrey & son Michael S. • Mike (brother of Heather W.) and friend Jer • Ben and Jessica (friend of Beth Z.) • Shannon C. • George D. • Bill D. & family (Brother of Lynne P) • Nick V. and partner Joe • Rob S. & Family, friend of Pat M.) • Jack (father of Sherry W.) and Ashley • Father of Jim K. • Henry D. (great-nephew of Lynne Paul)

Please let us know if prayers need added or removed or have been answered!

# Order of Worship

March 19, 2023- Fourth Sunday in Lent)

(\* Indicates that the congregation may stand)

PRELUDE AT CALVARY WILLIAM R. NEWELL / DANIEL B. TOWNER

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 23 COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE – IN UNISON

The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing.  
He lets me rest in grassy meadows; he leads me to restful waters; he keeps me alive.  
He guides me in proper paths for the sake of his good name.  
Even when I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no danger because you are with me.  
Your rod and your staff—they protect me.  
You set a table for me right in front of my enemies.  
You bathe my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!  
Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life,  
and I will live in the Lord's house as long as I live.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NCH 12 I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD Vs 1, 2

\*CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us open our hearts to the love of God. Before we even utter a word, we can be assured God will offer us grace and a way forward. For this reason, we can be honest with what pains us most about our own thoughts and actions. Let us pray:  
All: Holy and Merciful One, in this season of discernment we come bringing our deepest longings, and our failed attempts at satisfying them. We have often looked for love, for acceptance and security, in halls of the perceived power of public opinion or unexamined presumptions about others do not like us rather than the real power of love and care for one another. At times we fail to see that you have already given us what really matters: your love and acceptance. You provide opportunities all around us to make a difference in the lives of others. You give us a fresh start each day, inviting us to do better. In this silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness to a different way of living.

*(Moment of silent contemplation, confession, and prayer. Please be seated)*

KYRIE (RESPONSIVE) #750 NCH (LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US, CHRIST..., LORD...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Be assured by the Psalmist who says that "the Lord is our shepherd... whose goodness and mercy follows us all the days of our lives." Let us respond together:

All: We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision to the ways of love created by God, embodied in Jesus, and already moving in us by the Spirit. We are forgiven, loved, and freed! Thanks be to God. Amen!

\*HYMN            NCH 450            O FOR A CLOSER BOND WITH GOD            Vs. 1-3 & 5

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

All: Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING	EPISTLE	EPHESIANS 5:8-14
	GOSPEL	JOHN 9:1-41
SERMON	THE SHEPHERDS LOVE	REV. SUZANNE E. SCHWARZ-GREEN

\*HYMN            OPEN MY EYES            (SEE INSERT)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PRAYER RESPONSE (#501 – BLUE HYMNAL)

Response: Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Hear our prayer, O Lord; And grant us Thy peace. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: As God so freely offers us the gift of life in Jesus Christ, let us respond with gratitude, offering our time, talent, and treasure – our lives - to God.

*(Please place your giving into the offering plate or you may give online by going to [www.trinityucccollegeville.org](http://www.trinityucccollegeville.org).)*



OFFERTORY: CHANCEL CHOIR            HOPE OF THE WORLD            L. CARSON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE            #506 – BLUE Hymnal  
We give Thee but Thine own, What'er the gift may be.  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Loving shepherd, gentle savior, we give you thanks this day for rest in green pastures, for refreshment beside still waters, for health and wholeness for our souls. As we rejoice in your goodness and mercy, we offer you our gifts this day. Through

our offering, may others be blessed, as we have been blessed from your hand. And now, as your people following in the ways of your Son, Jesus, we pray with confidence the prayer that he taught us:

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

\*HYMN            NCH 252                            SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US                            vs. 1, 2 & 4

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

L:        This service has ended, yours has begun. Go to love and serve God.

All:     Thanks be to God

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE    NCH #812        "THREEFOLD AMEN"

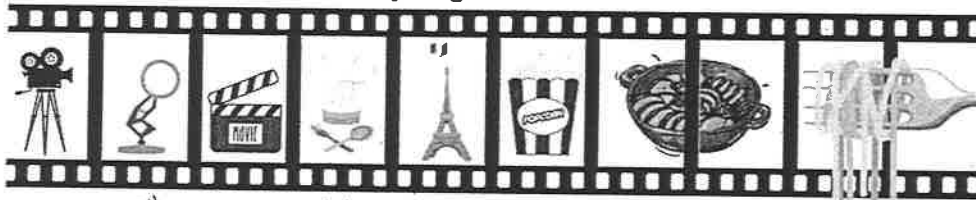
POSTLUDE        ABIDE WITH ME BY WORDS: HENRY F. LYTE. MUSIC: 'EVENTIDE' WILLIAM H. MONK

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**FREE** **MOVIE & PASTA NIGHT**  
**@ TRINITY**

Rodents in the kitchen and a plate filled with memories.  
Can you guess the movie?



Join us for popcorn, pasta, and a fun helping of the Gospel according to Pixar!\*

**March 25, 2023 at 5:30 PM**

**ALL ARE INVITED! RSVP required by 3/20/2023**  
**E-mail your name and number of people attending to**  
**events@trinityucccollegeville.org**



*\*But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong" (1 Corinthians 1:27)*

**2023 Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium  
Lenten Services**

**Wednesdays in Lent at 7:30 PM**

Date	Place
March 22 Evening Service	Thomas Paine Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 3424 Ridge Pike Collegeville, PA 19426
March 29 Cantata	Augustus Lutheran Church 717 West Main Street Trappe PA 19426

Support the Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium and its member churches and join us for worship at each of those services and at the final service on March 29<sup>th</sup> for a Cantata in lieu of a sermon!

Offerings collected during the Wednesday services will benefit the Ministerium to continue to help those in need with heating oil during the cold winter months! The last 3 years have depleted the ministerium's resources, let's replenish them together!

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Easter Lilly orders due by Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

Easter Egg Hunt\* after worship on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

\*Donations of candy for Easter Egg Hunt greatly appreciated by March 26th

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

John 9:1-41

### Restored *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*

For many churches, generations of givers have placed their tithe to the church in a basket or plate that is passed during worship. Usually taking place toward the end of the worship service, the receiving of the offering in this way was both practical and also symbolic of the gifts that each congregation member has to offer. In the past couple of years, spurred by pandemic changes, many congregations have made a shift from receiving the offering in person to receiving it online or virtually. This shift in giving is the tip of the iceberg, a symbol of all the changes that have visited all churches in these unprecedented times.

In today's story, Jesus' healing of a man blind from birth is met with skepticism and uncertainty by those who have known the man. They are not prepared for this change and may feel ill equipped to handle it. Like the townspeople, you may feel unready for change. And yet, you have been living with and adapting through change as it happens both without and within.

In your lifetime, there has been nearly unfathomable change in the world. Borders have opened and closed, names of countries have changed, allies have banded together to make war on other nations, and then turned on one another, and the English language has added hundreds of new words to the dictionary. (Before 2020, had you ever heard or used the word "superspreader" before?)

And that doesn't even count the individual changes that you have adapted to in your lifetime. You have weathered and even thrived through changes in self-understanding, knowledge, relationships, emotional landscape, climate, education, fortune, health, travels, travails, employment status, living arrangements, and multiple television remotes with their array of mysterious black on black buttons.

You may push back against change or wish it would not come so fast, but in fact your whole life has been preparing you for the changes we are experiencing now. Whether your giving is the "old" way in a passed plate, or a "new" way through a computer terminal, you have everything you need to weather the changes around you.

*One Great Hour of Sharing*® is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. <https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/one-great-hour-of-sharing/>



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## I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ps. 136:5-9; James 1:17

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

Descant

3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;  
 3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.  
 God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.  
 The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

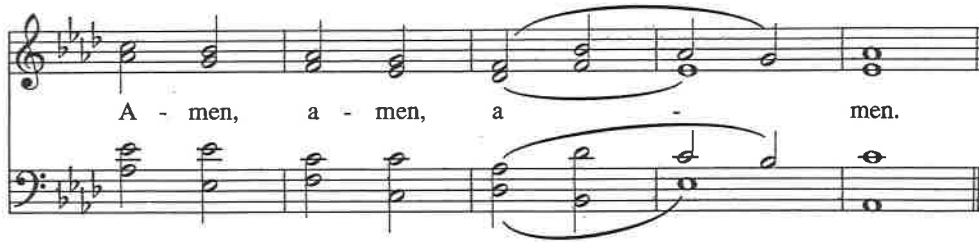
I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
 Oh, how your won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye:  
 All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

The tune Ellacombe was named for a place in Devonshire, England. It was first published in a collection of tunes used in the private chapel of the Duke of Wirtemberg, and was possibly sung with the text "Ave Maria, klärer."

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.  
 Gesangbuch der herzoglichen  
 Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784  
 Descant, The New Century Hymnal, 1993

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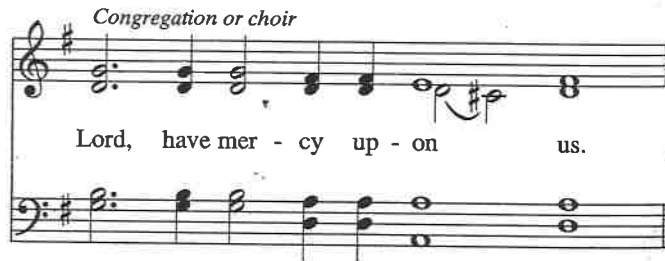
A - men, a - men, a - men.

750  
Kyrie

Text: Traditional, 6th century  
Music: The American Lutheran Hymnal

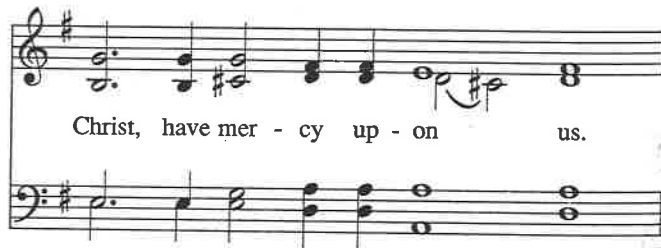
Leader  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation or choir*



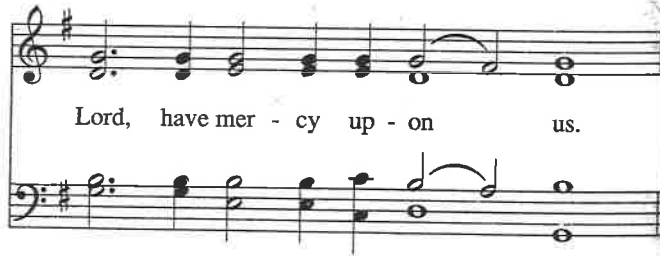
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.



Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou  
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou  
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key  
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,  
 ev - ery - where; o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare

*Refrain*  
 that shall un - clasp and set me free.  
 ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I  
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,  
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 O - pen my heart,

WORDS: Clara H. Scott, 1895  
 MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES  
 88.98 with Refrain

Ear-nest-ly, ten-der-ly Je-sus is call-ing— call-ing, "O sin-ner, come home!"

## O for a Closer Bond with God

450

*William Cowper, 1769; alt.*

*Ps. 119:105; Isa. 30:18–22*

1 O for a clos - er bond with God,  
 2 Where is the bless - ed - ness we knew  
 3 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn,  
 4 The dear - est i - dols we have known,  
 5 So shall our bond be close with God,

a calm and heav - enly frame, A light to shine up -  
 when first our hearts were stirred? Where is the soul - re -  
 sweet mes - sen - ger of peace! For - give our sins and  
 as we our ways pur - sue; Help us to tear them  
 calm and se - rene our frame; So pur - er light shall

on the road that leads us to the Lamb!  
 fresh - ing view of Je - sus Christ, the Word?  
 help us learn in Christ to find re - lease.  
 from your throne, and wor - ship on - ly you.  
 mark the road that leads us to the Lamb!

*This hymn was written during the illness of William Cowper's dear friend, Mary Unwin. Cowper wrote poetry and, together*

Tune: BEATITUDO C.M.  
*John B. Dvkes, 1875*

## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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*Atrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779–1847)**From Hymns for the Young, 1836; alt.**St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807–1886)**John 10:1–29*

1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten - der care;  
 1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,  
 2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;

in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.  
 Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are;  
 E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray;  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still;

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## EASTER LILY ORDER FORM - 2023

The sanctuary has traditionally been decorated with Lilies for Easter Sunday. To order plants, fill out this form and return to the Church Office or place in collection plate and mark "Easter Lilies." Please make checks payable to: "Trinity Reformed Church".  
**Deadline to order is Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.** Please print names legibly.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Number of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.50 per plant = Total \_\_\_\_\_

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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