

PRELUDE

◇A time of quiet preparation

Children of the Heavenly Father/ arr. R. Hobby

God Leads Us Along/ arr. E. Rogers

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 89:1-2, 5-8 (NIV)

Leader: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

People: **I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

Leader: The heavens praise your wonders, Lord, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

People: **For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings?**

Leader: In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.

People: **O Lord God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 87 (choir only vss. 3 & 4)

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

from Psalm 119:169-176 (The Message)

Unison: **Heavenly Father, we have sinned.**

We have strayed like lost sheep.

Let our cry come right into your presence;

provide us with the insight that comes only from your Word. Give our request your personal attention; rescue us on the terms of your promise. Let

praise cascade from our lips;

after all, you've taught us the truth about life!

And let your promises ring from our tongues;

every order you've given is right.

Put your hand out and steady us so that we may choose to live by your counsel rather than selfishly and sinfully seeking our own ways.

We're homesick, Lord, for your salvation; we love it when you show yourself! Invigorate our spirits so we can praise you well. Use your decrees to put iron in our souls.

And when we do wander off like lost sheep — seek us!

And help us to recognize the sound of your voice.

Forgive us and bless us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Jesus said... "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me — just as the Father knows me and I know the Father — and I lay down my life for the sheep."

John 10:14-15 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Song of Trust/ D. Music

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:22-42 (NIV)

²² Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give

them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

³¹ Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, ³² but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"

³³ "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods' ?³⁵ If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came--and the Scripture cannot be broken--³⁶ what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'? ³⁷ Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does. ³⁸ But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."

³⁹ Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.

⁴⁰ Then Jesus went back across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing in the early days. Here he stayed ⁴¹ and many people came to him. They said, "Though John never performed a miraculous sign, all that John said about this man was true."⁴² And in that place many believed in Jesus.

SERMON

The Sheep of the Shepherd
series: **Jesus According to John**
Rev. Dwight McKay

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **533** *I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice*

WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR (2nd to 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

O Lord, Our Refuge/ E. Krapf