

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*Flor/ L. Teixeira
God Leads Us Along/ arr. J. Mell
Aviendha Fogie, harp*

WORDS OF GREETING

Jim Harris

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 100:1-5 (NIV)

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

People: **We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 599

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH AND OUR SIN

OUR FAITH

Psalm 23

Unison: **The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
will 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 love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

OUR SIN

adapted from *Reformation Theology*

Unison: Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves;

though you should rule us, we control ourselves;

though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.

We think your truth too high, your will too hard,

your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not!

And without them, we are of all people most miserable.

Now heal our confused minds with your word,

heal our divided wills with your Spirit

heal our troubled consciences with your love,

heal our anxious hearts with your presence,

all for the sake of your Son,

who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of
your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.

O my Strength, I sing praise to you; you, O God, are my fortress,
my loving God.

Psalm 59:16-17 (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 (Congregation join choir vs. 6)
My Song Is Love Unknown/ D. Busarow

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 15: 22-27 (NIV)

²² Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water.

²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.)

²⁴ So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"

²⁵ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the LORD made a decree and a law for them, and there he tested them.

²⁶ He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you."

²⁷ Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

SERMON

He Leads Me Beside...Bitter Water
series in Exodus

Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **676** *Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment*

WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Ceremonial Rondeau/ H. Purcell