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March 30, 2025

~ Fourth Sunday in Lent ~

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

- arr. by Cindy Berry

THE BELL

RECALLING WHY WE ARE HERE

by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC. | sanctifiedart.org

One: If God is a painter, then let us be the brush.

**All: If God is a musician, then let us be the song.**

One: If God is an architect, then let us be the tools.

**All: And the hands.**

One: And the builders.

**All: And if God is a shepherd who never stops searching,**

One: Let us be willing to be found, no matter how left behind we may feel.

\*SONG

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

email requests to: [prayer@missionhillsucc.org](mailto:prayer@missionhillsucc.org)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE

"The Good Shepherd"

*LEADER: I Am the Good Shepherd  
I lay down My life for you  
Enter in, enter in, enter in*

***ALL: You are the Good Shepherd  
You lay down Your life for me  
Enter in, enter in, enter in***

*I Am the Good Shepherd  
As the Father knows Me, I know you  
I know you, I know you, I know you  
And no one can take you away  
And no one can take you away*

***You are the Good Shepherd  
As the Father knows You, You know me  
You know me, You know me, You know me  
And no one can take You away  
And no one can take You away  
And no one can take You away  
And no one can take You away***

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ANTHEM

"The 23rd Psalm" (dedicated to my mother)

- Bobby McFerrin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*indicates all who are able, please stand

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*RESPONSE "You Are Welcome"

LEADER: *Ooh - Welcome!*

*We been waiting for you  
we got a table for you  
so glad you made it  
so nice to see you  
in case you didn't notice*

**ALL: *You are welcome here,  
you are welcome here  
there's no resistance in this house  
You are always***

***You are welcome  
You are welcome here  
You are desired in this house  
You forever welcome***

LEADER: *We, your children. say come  
our love and affection you've won  
Sweet Abba, Mother  
there's no competition  
its an open invitation*

**ALL: *You are welcome here,  
you are welcome here  
there's no resistance in this house  
You are always***

***You are welcome  
You are welcome here  
You are desired in this house  
You forever***

LEADER: *Oh, I don't have an agenda  
really no expectation  
I just wanna be with you*

**ALL: *Oh I don't have an agenda  
really no expectation  
I just wanna be with you  
and in case you didn't notice***

**ALL: *You are welcome here,  
you are welcome here  
there's no resistance in this house  
You are always***

***You are welcome  
You are welcome here  
You are desired in this house  
You forever welcome  
You are welcome here***

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POEM "The Good Shepherd"

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\*THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL Luke 15:1-7

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SERMON "The Joy of Being Found"

\*SONG "Reckless Love"

By Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury & Ran Jackson

COMMUNITY BUILDING - Announcements

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

- J.S. Bach

\*SONG

“Are You Lost”



Are you lost a - mong earth's peo - ples, wand' - ring cold and all a - lone?  
 Are you ho - ping for a fu - ture that is bet - ter than our past?  
 In our wil - der - ness of peo - ple let us seek the com - mon good.



Do you won - der if you're cher - ished? Do you won - der if you're known?  
 Are you yearn - ing for com - mun - ion where the first are wel - comed last?  
 In our dis - cord and di - vi - sions hearts can still be un - der - stood.



Love will bind us as a fi - ber, washed and card - ed, spun and wound,  
 Love de - lights in all our dif - ference, teach - ing just - ice and re - spect,  
 Love is with us when we're work - ing turn - ing stran - gers in - to kin.



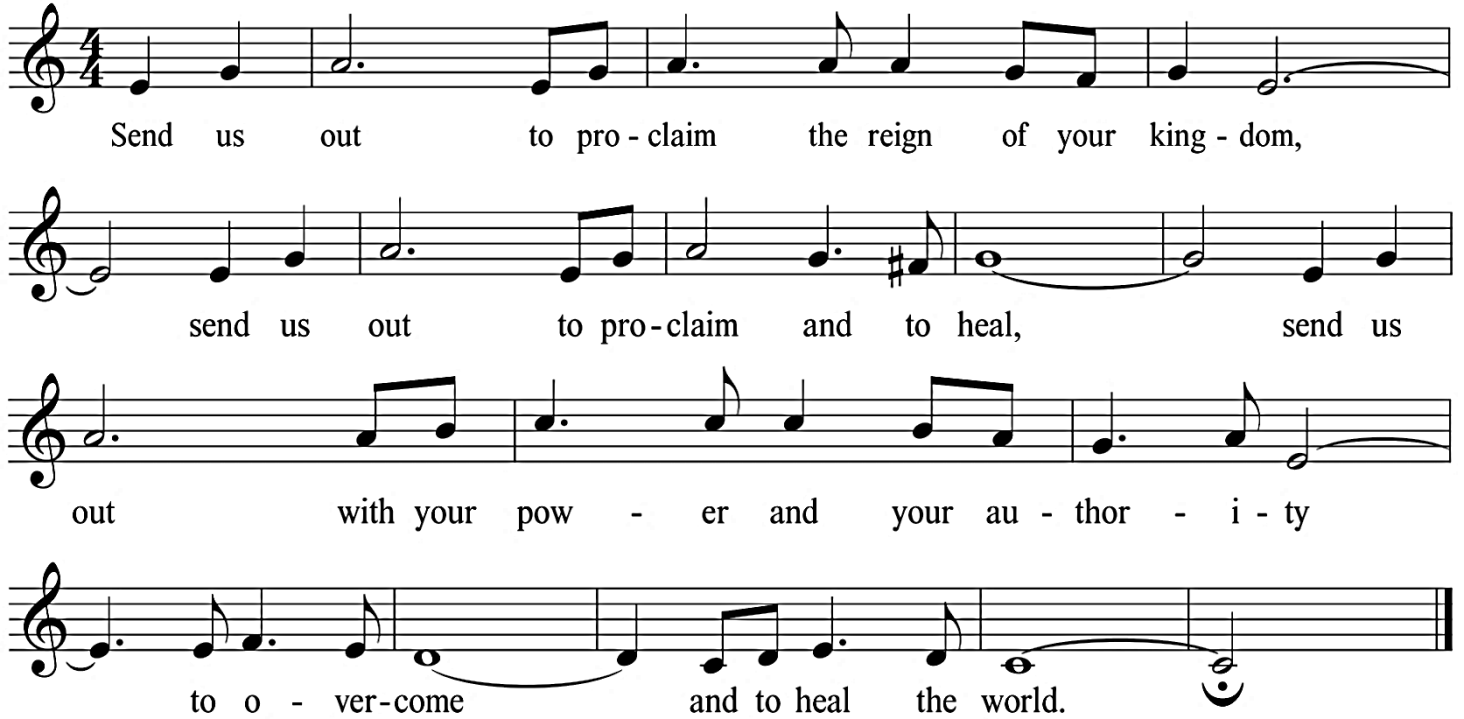
knit to - geth - er as a blank - et, warmed and wel - comed, sought and found.  
 call - ing souls and skills and pow - ers to re - pair and re - con - nect.  
 Love in - vites us and u - nites us to be bet - ter than we've been.



\*BENEDICTION

\*AFFIRMATION

"Send Us Out"



Send us out to pro-claim the reign of your king-dom,  
send us out to pro-claim and to heal, send us  
out with your pow-er and your au-thor-i-ty  
to o-ver-come and to heal the world.

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POSTLUDE

Doxology

- arr by Mark Hayes

**Welcome** to all worshipping with us today. If you are new to Mission Hills UCC, we invite you to fill out the blue card in the pew so we can get to know you and share more about our ministries and community life. We are a church that welcomes families with children in every aspect of our common life. During worship, child care services are available in the church nursery for those under three years of age. Baby changing tables are available in the unisex bathrooms.

*Pastor*  
*Minister for Congregational Care*  
*Liturgist*  
*Director of Instrumental Music*  
*Director of Vocal Music*  
*Director of Ministry with Children and Families*  
*Director of Ministry with Youth*  
*Worship Technologies Coordinator*  
*Worship Technical Assistants*  
*Piano/Organ*  
*Guitar/Bass*  
*Administrative Assistant*  
*Sexton*  
*Nursery Attendants*

Rev. Dr. David Bahr  
Rev. Courtney Mys  
Sunday School  
Kristopher Abels  
Angelica Eclar  
Artcel Ruiz  
Fiona Case  
Saige Afalava  
Devin Buss & Trevor Norkowski  
Norman Belleza  
Israel Maldonado  
Elizabeth Quiñones  
Gloria Schacht  
Jianna Ruiz & Amelia Norkowski

# "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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 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-prepare.  
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;  
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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Text by Dorothy A. Thrupp  
Tune "BRADBURY" by William B. Bradbury

## Mission Hills UCC - Upcoming Events

<b>March</b>	<b>Mission Partner: One Great Hour of Sharing</b>
Monday, 3/31	Lenten Monday #4 - History of Prayer and Anointing, 6:30 pm - Chapel
<b>April</b>	<b>Mission Partner: UCC Los Angeles Fires Special Appeal</b>
Friday, 4/4	Knitting 2 Give, 10 am - 12 pm, Commons
Fri. 4/4-Sun.4/6	Youth Group Spiritual Retreat at Camp Stevens
Monday, 4/7	Lenten Monday #5 - Service of Prayer and Anointing, 6:30 pm - Chapel
Thursday, 4/10	Civil Rights Pilgrimage Meeting, 6:30 pm, zoom
Saturday, 4/12	Second Saturday Speaker Series, Fellowship Hall, 10 am - 12 pm
Tuesday, 4/15	Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, 10:30 am
Thursday, 4/17	Maundy Thursday Service, noon, Chapel
	Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm, Sanctuary
	Knitting 2 Give, 2-4 pm, Commons
Friday, 4/18	Good Friday Service, noon, zoom
Sat. 4/19 - Sun. 4/20	Vigil, 6:30 pm - 6:30 am, Sanctuary
Sunday, 4/20	Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 am, MH Methodist Church
	Easter Festival Worship Service, 10:00 am
	Easter Egg Hunt, 11:15 am
Saturday, 4/26	Community Bake Sale, 8 am - 12 pm
Sunday, 4/27	Earth Day
<b>May</b>	<b>Mission Partner: El Nido</b>
Friday, 5/2	Knitting 2 Give, 10 am - 12 pm, Commons
Thursday, 5/8	Civil Rights Pilgrimage Meeting, 6:30 pm, zoom
Saturday, 5/10	Second Saturday Speaker Series, Fellowship Hall, 10 am - 12 pm
Thursday, 5/15	Knitting 2 Give, 2-4 pm, Commons
Sunday, 5/18	Legacy Sunday
	Ken Jensen Ordination, 3 pm
Tuesday, 5/20	Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, 10:30 am
<b>June</b>	<b>Mission Partner: Strengthen the Church</b>
Sunday, 6/1	Rock n Roll Marathon, worship delayed to 11 am
Friday, 6/6	Knitting 2 Give, 10 am - 12 pm, Commons
Sunday, 6/8	Celebration of Music Sunday
Thursday, 6/12	Civil Rights Pilgrimage Meeting, 6:30 pm, zoom
Mon 6/16 - Fri 6/20	VBS, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, 6/17	Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, 10:30 am
Thursday, 6/19	Knitting 2 Give, 2-4 pm, Commons
Sunday, 6/22	Ecclesiastical Meeting, after worship

### Every Week:

Sundays -	ReExamining Our Faith Book Study - 9 am - Commons
Tuesdays -	Men's Group - 6:30 pm - Commons
Thursdays -	Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm, Chapel
Saturdays -	Gentle Yoga - 9 am, Chapel

For all events, visit our online calendar: <https://missionhillsucc.org/calendar-of-events/>