***Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church**: An Inclusive Spiritual Community.* We welcome all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging. Our faith & practice are rooted in the way of Jesus and enriched by wisdom from all sources. We are committed to being and becoming people of radical compassion, working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and the world.

Sunday, March 15 • Fourth Sunday in Lent
1 Samuel 16:1 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 Luke 15:1-7
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary/Zoom
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
12:15 p.m. Youth Gathering – Downstairs

Tuesday, March 17
5:00 p.m. Immigration & Refugee Support Meeting via Zoom
6:30 p.m. SPC Bingo Night – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 21 • Fifth Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 Luke 19:1-10
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary/Zoom
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
12:15 p.m. Youth Gathering – Downstairs

TODAY'S HYMNS: "Earth and All Stars!" was written for the 9th anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Echoing Psalm 98, it is a prime example of a 20th-century hymn style based on phrases rather than complete sentences. The hymn tune was created expressly for these words. "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" was written for children and uses shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune was composed for this text by William Batchelder Bradbury in 1859.

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Season of Lent — **March 15, 2026**
Fourth Sunday — 11:00 a.m.

The Good Shepherd

Jesus said, "Who among you wouldn't leave the 99?
Who among you wouldn't look for the one?"

Someone in the crowd probably rolled their eyes.
Someone squirmed and looked at their palms.
Someone sighed and thought to themselves,
"This man doesn't understand the business.
What fool would leave 99 to look for one?"

But maybe God was not talking about us.
Maybe God was talking about
her own reckless love.
Maybe God was talking about
his own willingness
to turn the world upside down
for me.

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Established 1743
Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion
We Choose Welcome

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. **Psalm 23:1**

We are [God's] people and the sheep of [God's] pasture. **Psalm 100: 3b**

Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? **Luke 15:4**

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **John 10:11**

Preacher
Rev. Mary Jane Hitt

Assistant
Leslie Williams

Special Music
Handbell Choir

Choir Director
Sheila Melendez

Accompanist
Sam Jannotta

Tech Support
Pete Spreen

To Our Guests
We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Introit 399 (3x)
God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

Proclamation
In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Remembering our Baptism

***Hymn 26**
"Earth and All Stars!"

Prayer for Wholeness
Gracious God,
we have been told that you seek us like a shepherd
when we go astray,
when we lose our direction.
But sometimes it doesn't feel that way.
Help us trust that
the Spirit that walked with Jesus on the streets of Jerusalem,
that shook hands with lepers,
that patted children on the head,
that told stories of love,
is always seeking us –
on the good days and on the hard days,
on the mountains and in the valleys –
and that we are never far from God's
loving embrace. Amen.

Response 471 (2x)
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***Response 523, refrain** (2x)
You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

***Passing the Peace**

Blessing the Nations
East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines

Response 487, v. 1
These treasured children present now
are bound to us by sacred vow;
with love, we make a heartfelt claim
to welcome them in Jesus' name.

First Pew

Response 487, v. 5
Then, tender God, each child embrace;
God give them blessings, grant them grace
Surprise them, God, with wonders still,
and gently guide them to your will.

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude
"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Lesson
Luke 15:1-7

Sermon
"Between Lost & Found"

***Hymn 187**
"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
"Why has God Forsaken Me?," *by Jane Marshall*

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***Credo**
With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus, our Lord

Sending (2x)
Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.
Salaam, salaam. Peace of God be with you.

A shepherd does not strike his sheep." **Nigerian proverb**

"To be lost is to be fully present." **Rebecca Solnit**

"We're all a little lost, and it's alright." **Rumi**

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

A Red Rose In Honor of
Fiona Wren Nutwell
born March 7, 2026
Fiona joins proud parents
Mark & Renee
and big sister Evelyn

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Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

. . .

At this table we taste your never-ending Hope,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has come.
Christ is with us.
Christ will be all in all.

. . .

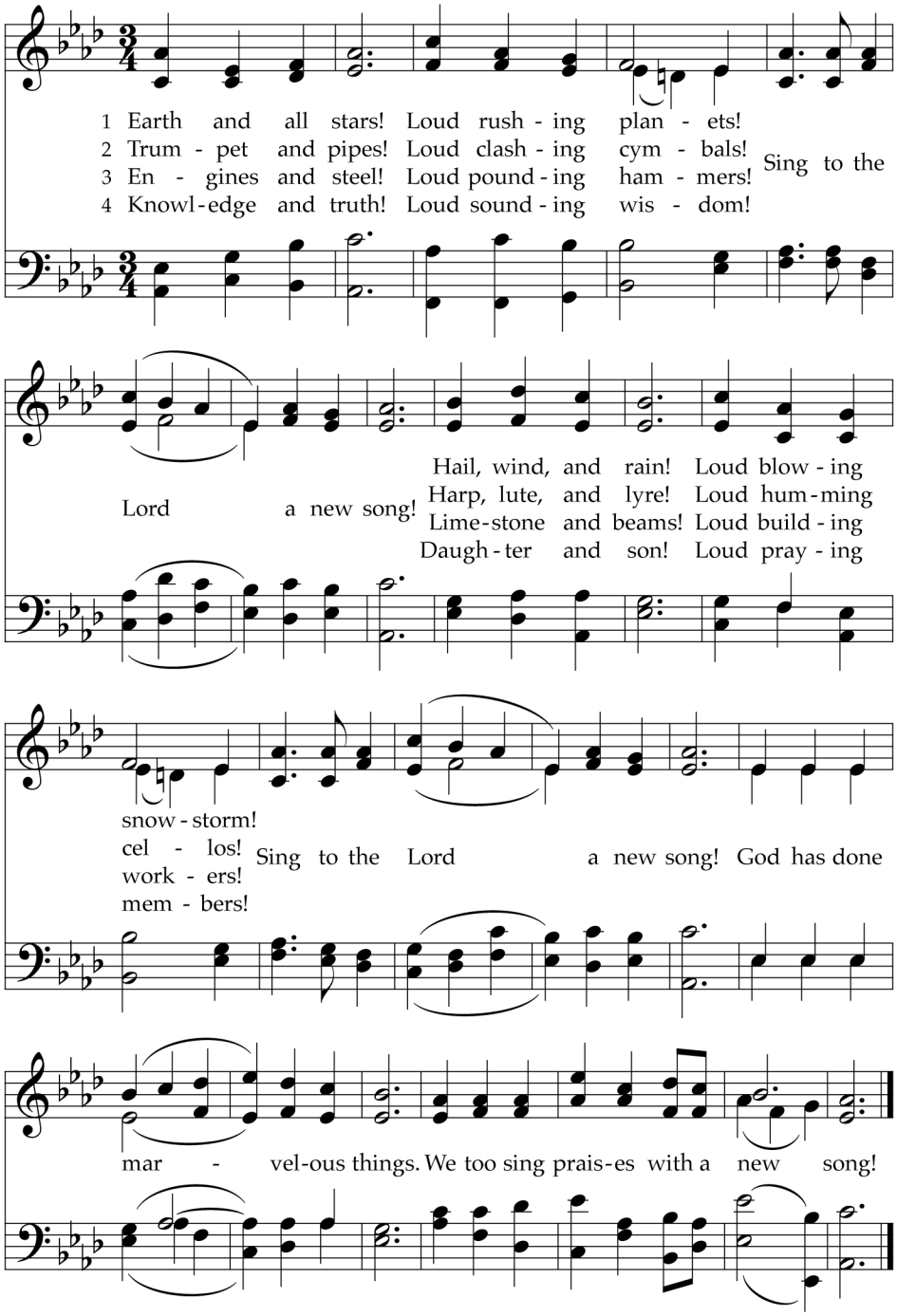
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Response

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

26 Earth and All Stars!



This lively text was written for the 90th anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Echoing Psalm 98, it is a prime example of a 20th-century hymn style based on phrases rather than complete sentences. The exuberant tune was created expressly for these words.

TEXT: Herbert Frederick Brokering, 1964
MUSIC: David N. Johnson, 1968
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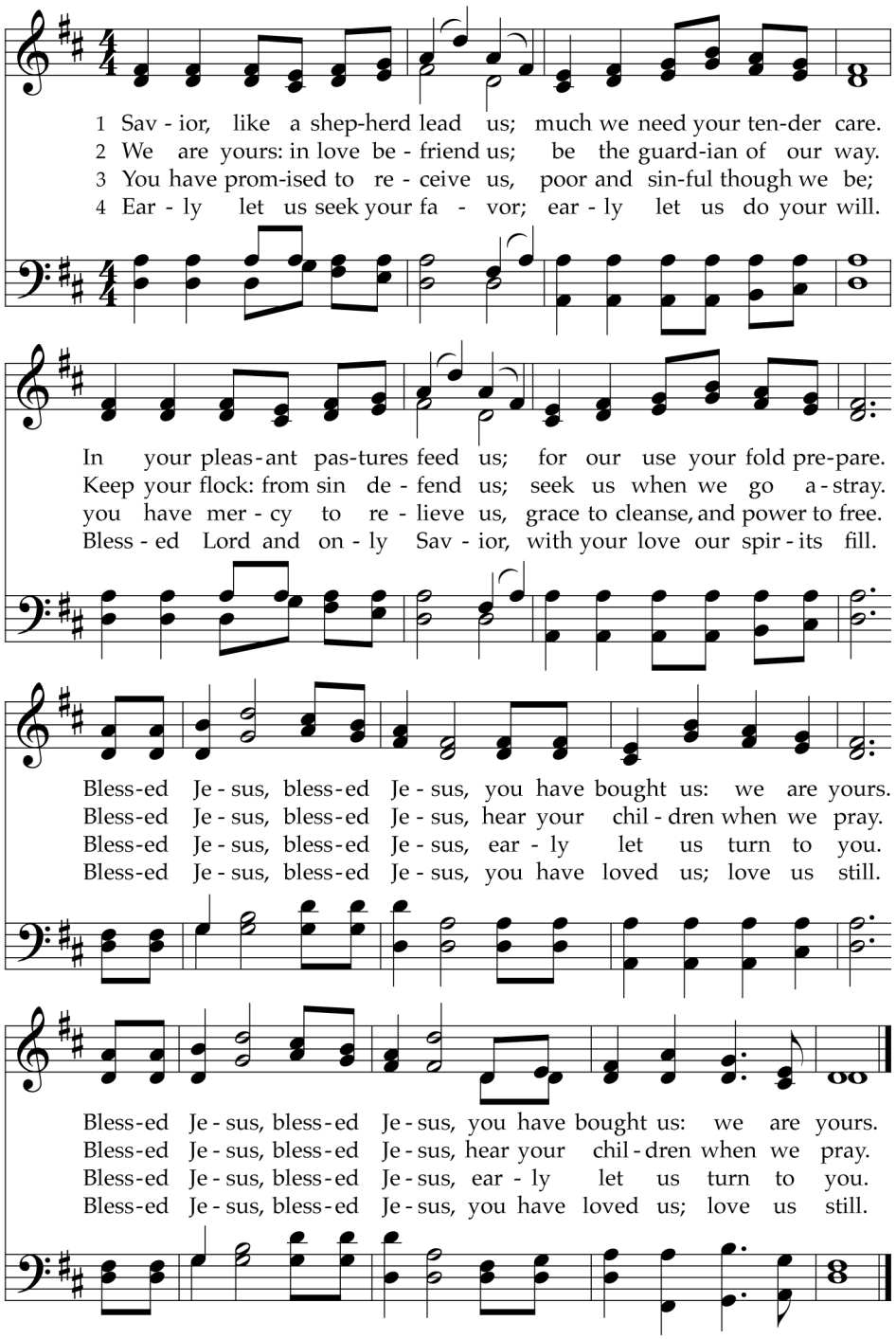
EARTH AND ALL STARS
4.5.7.D with refrain

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

TEXT: Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young*, 1836, alt.
MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859, alt.

BRADBURY
8.7.8.7.D

PALESTINE FILM FESTIVAL SHOWCASES ACADEMY AWARD-NOMINATED CINEMA

The Palestine Festival will take place March 20–21, 2026, transforming the Shepherdstown Opera House into a space for cinema that amplifies Palestinian voices through film. The festival will present compelling works that explore memory, resistance, history, and lived experience in Palestine.

Screenings will take place Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets for all screenings are available and include a Q&A session with Middle East expert Philip Farah on March 21st.

All events will be held at the **Shepherdstown Opera House**, located at **131 West German Street**. For tickets go to: https://operahouselive.com/mar-20-21-shepherdstown-palestine-film-festival/

Updates and additional information, visit **facebook.com/EPTEAMWV**

SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV
PALESTINE
FILM FESTIVAL
MARCH 20-21, 2026

Look & See

What do you see in the art?
How does the art make you feel?

Lost and Found | Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Digital painting and collage

everything [in] between
lost & found

LUKE 15:1-7
Parable of the Lost Sheep
MAIN IDEA: We all belong in God's family.

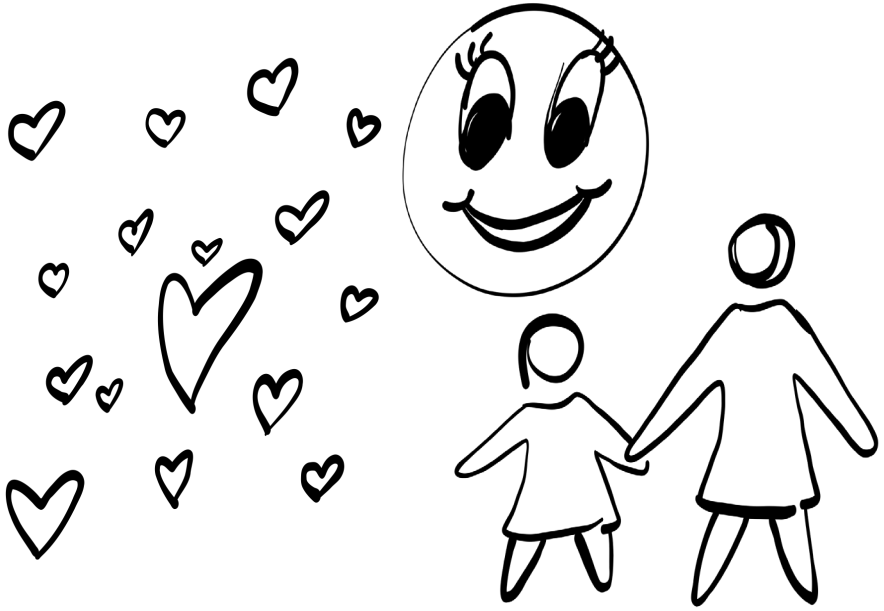
Color in the story of the Lost Sheep. | Illustration by Rev. Anna Strickland

Draw

***Draw** a picture of you belonging in your church.*

Color

***Color** the things that help us belong.*



Find

***Find** the words from scripture when you hear them spoken in worship. Words can be vertical, horizontal, and diagonal, and they can overlap each other.*

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Pray

Dear God, thank you for being our shepherd. We love to be part of your family. When we feel alone, remind us that you are with us always. When we see others who are left out, help us to include them, just like Jesus did. It's in his name we pray, amen.