

THE NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 25 4th Sunday of Easter - 10:00am

Rev. Duane Ullrich, Pastor

Mr. Dylan Sauerwald, Music Director

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here to join with us in this Season of Easter, for Easter Sunday is just the beginning of our encounters with Christ, our risen Lord.. If there is anything we can do to help make your experience with us a worshipful one for you today, please ask an usher.

Please note that we are Live-Streaming this service. To be considerate to those who will be joining us online, we will be starting our services as close to 10am as possible.

Thank you for silencing your cell phone.

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:

“Jesus said, ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.’”

John 10:11

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

“Illuminating Lord, you are the source of all that is good in this world. When we find ourselves lost, we turn to you once more to light our way. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord is my Shepherd,

**The Lord calls me by my own name, leads me through
the wilderness and renews life within me.**

O come, let us worship the Lord!

**For he is our God and we are the people of his
pasture
and the sheep of his hand.**

Our God is like the good shepherd, Who watches over us.

Come, let us worship our God!

Our God is like a loving parent, Who cares for us.

Come, let us worship our God!

Our God loves us, and gave Himself for us.

For this gift above all others, we give God thanks.

Our God loves the world and loves us ... no matter what!

Let us worship our loving God!

*A LITANY: Liturgy of the Good Shepherd (Rev. T. Stapleton)
(Standing)

MBW #200

**Welcome among your flock of grace
With joyful acclamation
Our Shepherd, whom we now confess!
Come, feed your congregation.
We own the doctrine of your cross
To be our sole foundation;
Accept from every one of us
the deepest adoration.**

The sheep go straying over the mountains and on every hill.

**The flock is scattered over the whole country with no one
who looks after them or searches for them.**

God is the One who cares for his sheep and goes in search of them.

**As a shepherd goes searching for his sheep when they
have wandered off. So, God seeks and rescues them no**

matter how far they have strayed.

God will search for the lost and recover the straggler. God will bandage the hurt and strengthen the sick. God will give them their proper food.

**God will his flock like a shepherd. God will gather the
lambs in his arms and will carry them close to his heart.**

We are his sheep, the flock he feeds.

**But we have wandered and lost our way.
We are hurt We are weak We are hungry**

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Southampton MBW p. 32

**Dear Shepherd of Your people hear!
Your presence now display;
As you have giv'n a place for prayer,
So give us hearts to pray.**

(Sitting)

Drawing near in full assurance of faith, let us confess our sin.
Let us pray:

**Gracious Lord, our Savior and our Shepherd,
hear our confessions. Like wandering sheep, we have
gone astray; each of us has gone our own way. We
have sinned and have acted, not with justice and
goodness, but with evil or for our selfish desires.**

**The good that we should have done, we have left
undone. In our words and our actions, we have been
disappointing servants, and have fallen short of what
you expect from us.**

**Good Shepherd, hear us and help us. Rescue
us and deliver us from our sin for your Name's sake.
Amen.**

Hear the words of the Lord, our Good Shepherd:
"Rejoice with me! I have found my lost sheep." You
have been forgiven. You are back with the fold where
you are welcome and where you belong. Peace be with you.

(Standing)

MBW #795

**1 Come, faithful Shepherd, bind me
With cords of love to thee,
 and evermore remind me
 that thou hast died for me;
 O may the Holy spirit
 set this before my eyes,
 that I thy death and merit
 above all else may prize.**

**3 Am I of my salvation
assured through thy great love?
May I on each occasion
to thee more faithful prove.
Hast thou my sins forgiven?
Then, leaving things behind,
may I press on to heaven
and bear the prize in mind.**

Fear not, little flock, it is God's desire that you should enjoy the blessings of the Kingdom!

**Once we were straying like sheep, but now we have
again
turned toward the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls.**

"I am the Good Shepherd," says the Lord. "I know my own, and my sheep know me; and I give them eternal life."

MBW #444

**Chosen flock, your faithful shepherd follow,
Who laid down His life for you;
All your days unto his service hallow,
Each his true disciple be.
Evermore rejoice to do his pleasure,
Be the fullness of his grace your treasure;
Should success your labor crown.
Give praise to Him alone. Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURE

Psalm: **Psalm 23**
New Testament: **1 John 3:16-24**
Gospel: **John 10:11-18**



CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

“The Good Shepherd”

HYMN:
#672

“They Who Jesus' Followers Are”

MBW

- 1. They who Jesus' followers are
and enjoy his faithful care,
by a mutual, hearty love
their belief in Jesus prove.**

- 2. By your reconciling love
ev'ry stumbling-block remove;
each to each unite, endear;
come, and spread your banner here.**

- 4. May it to the world appear
that we your disciples are
by our loving mutually,
by our Christian unity.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Response: P&W #221

**I cast all my cares upon You,
I lay all of my burdens, down at Your feet.
And anytime, I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon You.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

INVITATION

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Praise God....”

MBW #817

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above you heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**HYMN:
#662**

“Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice”

MBW

- 1. Jesus makes my heart rejoice,
I’m his sheep, and know his voice;
he’s a Shepherd, kind and gracious,
And his pastures are delicious;
constant love to me he shows,
yea, my very name he knows.**

- 2. Trusting his mild staff always,
I go in and out in peace;
he will feed me with treasure
of his grace in richest measure;
when athirst to him I cry,
Living water he’ll supply.**

- 3. Should not I for gladness leap,
led by Jesus as his sheep?
For when these blessed days are over
to the arms of my dear Savior
I shall be conveyed to rest.
Amen, yea, my lot is blessed.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The song/hymn notations indicate where songs are located:
P&W - Songs for Praise and Worship Word Publishing, 1992
MBW – the Moravian Book of Worship
(These songs will also be projected on the screen.)
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