

April 21, 2013

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all. All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: We are called to put our complete confidence in Jesus.

All: It's hard to know who to trust.

One: We're urged to listen with complete focus.

All: Help us hear the words of faith above the noise of the

world.

Hymn - "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (see insert)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Kind Creator, you tell us that you are like a shepherd but most of us don't understand what this means. It doesn't comfort or assure us. However, we do trust you. We can be honest with our doubts and confusion. We are here to praise you in our worship but also to probe deeper into what it means to believe in you.

There are many voices shouting to be heard in our lives. It's hard to distinguish the ones that deserve our attention. We need you to speak so we can hear. We need you to keep us on track so that our believing and acting are consistent. Forgive us for our occasional lack of confidence in you. May the Spirit of Christ open our ears and our hearts to you. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU #747 – "The Lord's My Shepherd"

The Word

Scripture Readings – Psalm 23 John 10: 22-30

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Anthem - "The Lord Will Be My Shepherd"

Meditation – "A shepherd's voice"

(a guiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Hymn MV #126 – "Are You a Shepherd?"

The Response

Announcements

Offering / Response (VU #540)

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, With a spirit large and free. That ourselves and all our living We may offer faithfully.

Pastoral Prayer

- Hymn VU #657 "He Leadeth Me"
- Benediction / Response

A new heaven and a new earth, A new heaven and a new earth. A new heaven and a new earth, Behold: one another!

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Luci Toews, Church Administrator Kelsey Shiaro, "Joyful Noise" Director Charlie Klein, Liturgist

Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister Laura Steidl, Music Director Myrna Hagues, Organist Gina Grant, Custodian Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Greeters: Bill McOuat and Charlie Klein Ushers: Maurice Deveson and Gordon Whyte