



**Sunday Worship**  
**April 21st 2024**

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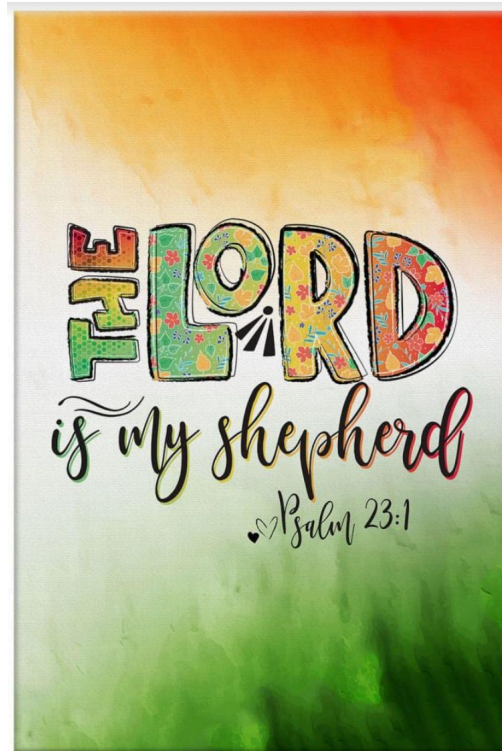
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# **Oro Valley**

# **United Church of Christ**

## **Our Mission**

We are enthusiastic, spiritual followers of Christ practicing inclusive worship of God.

## **Our Vision**

Through covenantal relationships we promote:

- Benevolence
- Mission and Outreach
- Justice for all

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Joyfully an Open and Affirming Congregation

**Lunch Fellowship-** May 8th @ Noon – More details coming soon!

**Savaya Coffee Hours-** Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at noon (the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month) Everyone, everyone, everyone is welcome to stop by Savaya and grab a coffee or tea, to chat with Pastor Drew and enjoy the fellowship. (11177 N Oracle Rd, Oro Valley, AZ 85737)

**Thursday Grief Group-** Every Thursday from 1-2 pm a grief support and recovery group will meet in the fellowship hall, facilitated by Pari Foster. If you have questions about this grief group, please contact Pari.

**Usher Volunteer-** Usher volunteers are needed to help Sunday mornings set up/prepare the sanctuary for worship and close the sanctuary; Please speak with Warren Weimer for more information.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

† **Passing of the Peace**

**Rev. Drew Terry**

***(Stand as you are able in body or spirit and wave or send signs of peace and greetings of love to those around you. If you are able, wave to our camera in the back to send peace and love to those at home. For those at home, we invite you to wave back and send a message of peace via text, email or even a phone call to someone in your heart.)***

† **Call to Worship** *(Congregation will sing)*

**Surely the presence of our God is in this place.  
I can feel Your mighty power and Your grace.  
I can feel the brush of angels' wings.  
I see glory on each face.  
Surely, the presence of our God is in this place.**

## **Pastor & Congregation will speak responsively:**

**One:** When we are scattered, Jesus our Good Shepherd gathers us in.

**Many:** **When we are lost and lonely, we can depend on Christ's love.**

**One:** When we are oppressed, Jesus our Good Shepherd cares for us.

**Many:** **When we are threatened because of who we are, we can depend on Christ's protection.**

**One:** We know Christ, because Christ's tenderness has guided us for generations.

**Many:** **Christ knows us by name. Christ will lay down his very life for our sake.**

**One:** Let us worship our Good Shepherd, who cares for all of us with fierce love.

**Many:** **Let us give thanks for Christ's presence with us.**

### **† Opening Prayer**

Rev. Drew Terry

Holy God, You sent us Jesus as our comforter and guide. We give You thanks for the ways he cares for us. Help us be empowered to join him in protecting the oppressed and marginalized. We pray this in gratitude for Your provision. **Amen.**

### **† Opening Hymn**

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

NCH 252

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
much we need your tender care;  
in your pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use your folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us, yours we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us, yours we are.

(Continued)

We are yours, in love befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear your children when we pray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear your children when we pray.

Let us always seek your favor;  
let us always do your will;  
Jesus Christ, our only Savior,  
with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still.

### **Prayer for Confession**

Pastor and Congregation

**Shepherding Christ, even as you lay down your life for us, we confess our unwillingness to support the those in need. Too often, we may be more like the one who runs away in times of trouble. We aren't always bold enough to protect the powerless; following your example is rarely easy or comfortable. Forgive us. Help us lay down our apathy and follow your example. Remind us that we belong to one another, and to you. Amen.**

### **Words of Grace**

Rev. Drew Terry

One: Beloved of God, receive this comfort. It is impossible to respond to every need in this complicated world. A full life of faith gives us the grace to lay down our work, take the rest we need, then refocus our energy toward the cause of the oppressed. Rest in the shelter of Your Good Shepherd, knowing You can take up the cause again with restored souls.

**Many: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**All: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**You make me to lie down in green pastures: You lead me beside the still waters.**

**You restore my soul: You lead me in the paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.**

**Yea, 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 comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: You anoint my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**† Special Music**

Pass it On

Denise Cochran  
& Jose Solórzano

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;  
That's how it is with God's Love,  
Once you've experienced it,  
You spread the love to everyone  
You want to pass it on.

What a wonderful time is spring,  
When all the trees are budding  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;  
That's how it is with God's love,  
Once you've experienced it.  
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,  
You want to pass it on.

(Continued)

I wish for you my friend  
This happiness that I've found;  
You can depend on God  
It matters not where you're bound,  
I'll shout it from the mountain top - PRAISE GOD!  
I want the world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me  
I want to pass it on.

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**Prayer including prayers you have requested and A Minute of Silence** (Then we shall join together in the singing the Lord's prayer.)

**The Lord's Prayer**

Sung responsively with Denise Cochran

**Our Father  
In heaven  
Hallowed be your name  
Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
On earth as in heaven  
Give us today our daily bread;  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us  
Save us from the time of trial  
And deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom  
And the power  
And the glory are yours, forever  
forever and ever**

**Our Father  
In heaven  
Hallowed be your name.**

## **Invitation to Offering**

**Rev. Drew Terry**

*(If you are writing a check, Payee must read: "Oro Valley United Church of Christ" – no initials or abbreviations accepted.)*

**Jesus offers us fullness of life, protecting us and advocating for our needs. What will we give to join him in the work of building beloved community in the world?**

## **Offertory**

"The Bond of Love"

Jose Solórzano, Piano

## **† Doxology**

Tune No. 809

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Lay Reader, Louise Kuester

Gracious God, thank you for your gift of Jesus Christ, who cares for us and protects us. With these gifts we return to you, help us care for others in our communities and around the world. Amen.

## **† Hymn**

Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows

NCH 248

Such perfect love my Shepherd shows,  
whose goodness fails me never,  
Whose hand all things I need bestows  
and watches me forever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
my loving Shepherd leads me,

And where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food from heaven feeds me.

When vain and foolish oft I strayed,  
you, faithful Shepherd, sought me,  
And on your shoulder gently laid,  
then home rejoicing brought me.

† **Scripture Reading:** Psalm 23

Lay Reader, Louise Kuester

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

**“Everything is Pilgrimage,  
Everything is Interpretation”**

Rev. Drew Terry

† **Hymn**

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

NCH 355

God the Spirit, guide, and guardian,  
wind-spiced flame and hovering dove,  
Breath of life and voice of prophets,  
sign of blessing, power of love:  
Give to those who lead your people  
fresh anointing of your grace;  
Send them forth as bold apostles  
to your church in every place.

Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd,  
Word made flesh, love crucified,  
Teacher, healer, suffering servant,  
friend of sinners, foe of pride:  
In your tending may all pastors  
learn and live a shepherd's care;



Grant them courage and compassion  
shown through word and deed and prayer.

Great Creator, life-bestower,  
truth beyond all thought's recall,  
Fount of wisdom, womb of mercy,  
giving and forgiving all:  
as you know our strength and weakness,  
so may those the church exalts  
Oversee its life steadfastly,  
yet not overlook its faults.

† **Benediction**<sup>1</sup>      **Rev. Drew Terry**

Today you have received the gift of Christ's protective, unceasing love for you. Because you are beloved, may all that you do and all that you are be a reflection of that love. Fight for the powerless, help the weak, and provide for the needy, because Jesus provides for you. **Amen.**

† **Congregational Response:**

Tune No. 840

**God be with you till we meet again,  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

*Scripture readings: Inclusive*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-3b-april-14/>

## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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*Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847)**From Hymns for the Young, 1836; alt.**St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807-1886)**John 10:1-29*

1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten - der care;  
 1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,  
 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-pare.  
 Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:  
 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;  
 E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,  
 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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*The theme of Christ as shepherd is familiar and beloved to Christians. Emma Lyons Doyle, granddaughter of Laiana (translator Lorenzo Lyons), once said, "If you want to know the full beauty of this hymn, hear it sung in Hawaiian."*

Tune: BRADBURY 8.7.8.7.D.  
 William B. Bradbury, 1859

## Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows

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*Henry W. Baker, 1868; alt.**Ps. 23*

1 Such per - fect love my Shep - herd shows, whose  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
 3 When vain and fool - ish oft I strayed, you,  
 4 I do not fear death's shad - owed vale when

good - ness fails me nev - er, Whose hand all things I  
 lov - ing Shep-herd leads me, And where the ver - dant  
 faith - ful Shep-herd, sought me, And on your shoul - der  
 you are here be - side me; Your rod and staff and

need be - stows and watch - es me for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow with food from heav - en feeds me.  
 gent - ly laid, then home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 strength pre - vail to com - fort and to guide me.

5 You spread a ta-ble in my sight,  
 your gifts of grace be-stow-ing;  
 And from your chal-ice I de-light  
 to taste your mer-cy flow-ing.

6 And so through all the length of days  
 your good-ness fails me nev-er;  
 Good Shep-herd, may I sing your praise  
 with-in your house for-ev-er.

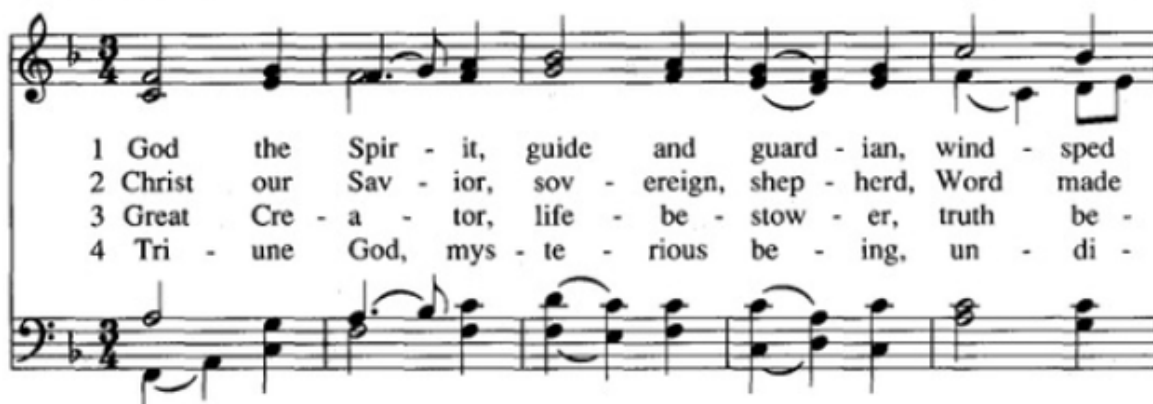
*English clergyman Henry Baker greatly influenced hymnody in England and the United States through his leadership in preparing Hymns Ancient and Modern (1861). Baker's hymn is a recast of a George Herbert poem.*

Tune: DOMINUS REGIT ME 8.7.8.7.  
 John B. Dykes, 1868  
 Alternate tune: ST. COLUMBA

## God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

Gen. 2:7; John 10:11-16

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987



1 God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped  
2 Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep - herd, Word made  
3 Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be -  
4 Tri - une God, mys - te - rious be - ing, un - di -



flame and hov - ering dove, Breath of life and voice of  
flesh, love cru - ci - fied, Teach - er, heal - er, suf - fering  
yond all thought's re - call, Fount of wis - dom, womb of  
vid - ed and di - verse, Deep - er than our minds can



proph - ets, sign of bless - ing, power of love: Give to  
ser - vant, friend of sin - ners, foe of pride: In your  
mer - cy, giv - ing and for - giv - ing all: As you  
fath - om, great - er than our creeds re - hearse: Help us



those who lead your peo - ple fresh a - noint - ing  
tend - ing may all pas - tors\* learn and live a  
know our strength and weak - ness, so may those the  
in our var - ied call - ings your full im - age

\*Where appropriate, "ministers" may be substituted for "pastors."