



**First United Methodist Church of Orange**

# WALK IN THE LIGHT

A SERIES FROM 1 JOHN

**APRIL 21, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.**



## THE ENTRY

PRELUDE

INTROIT

He Lives

Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come worship the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our shepherd.

PEOPLE: **He lays down his life for his sheep.**

LEADER: Come worship the living God, who illumines our way.

PEOPLE: **God knows us, and we belong to him.**

LEADER: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

PEOPLE: **The Lord redeems the life of his servants!**

\*OPENING HYMN

Ye Servants of God

Hymnal #181

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save,  
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;  
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.
3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;  
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
all honor and blessing with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

\*PRAYER

Loving, gentle God:

We are your people, the sheep of your pasture,  
the flock you have gathered.

Speak your living Word in our worship today;

**Lead us beside still waters,  
teach us the way of righteousness,  
and strengthen our faith,  
that we may live in the power of your Holy Spirit.  
Through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to God, the Father. Glory be to God, the Son.  
Glory be to God, the Spirit, Three in One.

As it was in the beginning; as it is and ever shall be;  
now and evermore shall be; world without end, Amen!  
World without end, Amen!

\*GREETING

## **CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE SONG

Thy Word is a Lamp

Hymnal #601 (refrain)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path.

FIRST LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

*New Revised Standard Version*

16 We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 17 How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

18 Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 19 And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him 20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; 22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 23

Hymnal #754

LEADER: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

PEOPLE: **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,**

LEADER: leads me beside still waters,  
restores my life,

PEOPLE: **leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord's name.**

LEADER: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;

PEOPLE: **for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**

LEADER: You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;

PEOPLE: **you anoint my head with oil,  
my cup overflows.**

LEADER: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;

PEOPLE: **and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
as long as I live.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18

*New Revised Standard Version*

11 [Jesus said,] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

## ANTHEM

Jesus, Name Above All Names – arr. F. Bock

Sanctuary Choir

## SERMON

The Truth is What We Do

Rev. William Johnson

## RESPONSE

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN

Lead Me, Lord

Hymnal #473

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN

Pass It On

Hymnal #572

1. 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 his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

2. What a wondrous 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.
3. I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found;  
you can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound.  
I'll shout it from the mountaintop; I want my world to know;  
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

## SENDING FORTH

\*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

May the road rise to meet you,  
may the wind blow at your back,  
may the sun shine warmly on your face.

May the rain fall softly on your home  
and until we meet again, until we meet again  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

POSTLUDE



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