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The Divine Shepherd

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Today's Lay Reader: Lynn Caterson

Welcome

Prelude

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Alfred Lefébure-Wély

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come, ready to enjoy the peaceful rest our good shepherd provides!**

Leader: We are the sheep, and he is the shepherd.

People: **Jesus is trustworthy. He cares about us. If we get lost, he will come find us. He is everything we need!**

Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

(verses 1, 2, and 5)

1. Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart; re - joi - ce, give
 2. Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le -
 3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing
 4. At last the march shall end; the wea - ried
 5. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom

thanks, and sing; your glo - rious ban - ner
 lu - ias loud; whilst an - swering ech - oes
 as ye go; from youth to age, by
 ones shall rest; the pil - grims find their
 we a - dore, the Fa - ther, Son, and

wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 heaven - ly home, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Ho - ly Ghost, one God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain

Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing.
 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce,

all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: **Thanks be to God**

Message *The Divine Shepherd*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Quiet Prelude Camil Van Hulse

Doxology Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn Oh, How I Love Jesus

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
2. It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, who died to set me free;
3. It tells of one whose lov- ing heart can feel my deep-est woe;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 6/8 time and G major. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

it sounds like mu- sic in my ear, the sweet-est name on earth.
it tells me of his pre- cious blood, the sin- ner's per- fect plea.
who in each sor- row bears a part that none can bear be- low.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

Refrain

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,

O how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

The image shows two systems of musical notation for a refrain. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The first system contains the lyrics 'O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,'. The second system contains the lyrics 'O how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!'. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Benediction

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Edward Broughton

Important News

- * **Scholarship Applications** – All full members of AUMC (who are enrolled full-time in a school of advanced accredited education beyond 12th grade) are encouraged to apply! Applications are available for download on our website: <https://abseconumc.com/news-and-forms>.
- * **Vacation Bible School** – As of Thursday, we have **65 campers** signed up! VBS week is August 5 through 9. If you haven't signed up yet, you can find the registration link on the church website: <https://abseconumc.com>.