

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

CREATION CARE SUNDAY | APRIL 21, 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude *Meditation of "Terra Beata"* Ramond Haan
Dan Lawhon

Welcome Erica Cooper

Choral Introit *Canticle of Praise* Victor C. Johnson

*Sing to God with an alleluia.
Sing to God with a song of praise!
Sing to God with a voice of triumph.*

*Sing to God, let your voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, sing alleluia!*

Processional Hymn No. 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN
[Hymn sheet on page 4](#)

Call to Worship Micaiah Damron Seruyange

One: As followers of Christ, we are called to bring a hopeful understanding of our world, declaring that God called the created universe "good."

All: We are called to bring this hope with us wherever we go, declaring that God makes all things new again.

One: Jesus taught that we should love God and love one another.

All: So let us join together in our love of God to worship and give thanks.

Prayer of Invocation Valerie Burton

Hymn No. 187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd* BRADBURY
[Hymn sheet on page 5](#)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Sermon on the Steps Kristen Berthiaume

Scripture Readings Rosemary Fisk

Epistle Reading 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Reading John 10:1-18

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Call to Prayer *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer Jeff Davison

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth
Covenant Choir

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,*

*Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we praise
This our joyful hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:*

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.
For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

Sermon

A Little More Like the Shepherd

Alisha Damron Seruyange

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Invitation to Christian Commitment

Erica Cooper

Hymn of Response No. 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service
[Hymn sheet on page 6](#)

BEECHER

*The Installation of Rev. Alisha Damron Seruyange
as Alabama CBF Associate Coordinator and CBF Young Baptist Event Specialist*

Commissioning

Amy Butler Green and Lucas Dorian

Blessing

April Robinson

One: May this new work be worthy of the energy of your heart and the light of your thought.

All: May your work assume a proper space in your life.

One: Instead of owning or using you, may your work challenge and refine you, bringing you every day further into the wonder of your heart.

All: May God fill your hands and heart with work that is real.

One: We bless your vocations: your home, your work, your relationships, and all the ways you serve.

All: May God give you strength and passion to lead well through thick and thin.

One: We bless your successes and failures: all the ways you try, create, and explore in the name of Christ.

All: May God root you in wisdom and faith and Sabbath rest.

One: We bless your leadership and your self-care.

All: May this work refresh and inspire you.

Prayer

Erica Cooper

Words of Dedication

Malina Damron Seruyange

Reception of the Offering

Ushers

Giving sacrificially of our money is one tangible expression of a wholehearted self-giving stewardship of all of life. Monetary offerings may be given online at bcoc.net/give or placed in an offering plate.

Offertory

Canonic Voluntary on DIX
Dan Lawhon

Alice Jordan

Offertory Response

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Life of the Church

Erica Cooper

Benediction

Erica Cooper

Postlude

The Heavens Declare
Dan Lawhon

Benedetto Marcello

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15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony

with sil-ver gleam, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!

Harmony

and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ows of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



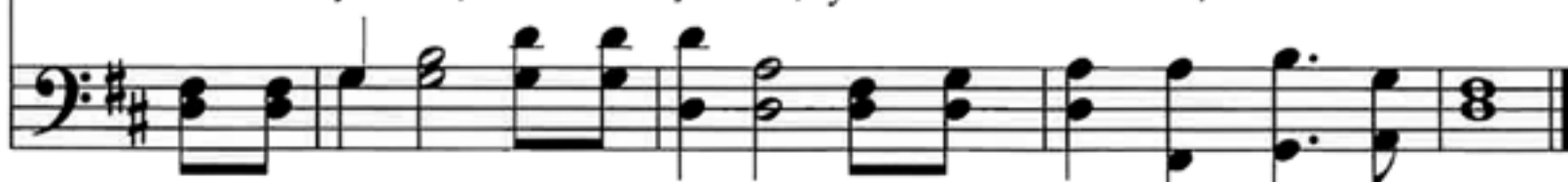
In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.



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Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or-der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

