

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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MAY 4, 2025

10:00 A.M.

***With doors wide open**, we welcome all to come and discover how  
God's love in Christ connects us more deeply with each other,  
our community, the world and with God.*

***With arms wide open**, we welcome all who are looking for something more,  
who have questions, who want to make a difference as  
they learn, serve and reach out in word and deed.*

***With hearts wide open**, we welcome you.*

**PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

PRELUDE

INTROIT: "Good Christians Rejoice and Sing"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good...

**People: His steadfast love endures forever.**

\*HYMN # 399 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Most merciful God, our Creator... We have sinned against you in thought,  
word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart... We have not loved  
our neighbors as ourselves. We repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father,  
forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey You in newness of life... Through Jesus  
Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE: #579 "Gloria Patri"

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.*

*Amen. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: "Now the Green Blade Riseth"

*Lindley*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "That's Not Fair!"

*Ken Pollitt*

A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT:

Deuteronomy 16:19-20

Pew Bible Page 188

Proverbs 29:7

Pew Bible Page 644

NEW TESTAMENT:

Luke 15:11-32

Pew Bible Page 1013

SERMON:

“The Parable of the Prodigal  
Son’s Older Brother”

Ken Pollitt

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN # 387 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

PRAYER RESPONSE # 316 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY: “Seek Ye First”

\*DOXOLOGY:

*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.*

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## TAKING GOD'S WORD TO THE WORLD

\*HYMN # 388 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

\*THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

PASSING THE PEACE: “May God's peace be with you”

POSTLUDE

*Worship has ended; let Service begin.*

*We thank Ken Pollitt for leading us in worship.*

\* Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Lay Reader this morning is Jennifer N.

*~ Open Doors - Open Arms - Open Hearts ~*

*Thank you for worshiping with us. Please join us again next Sunday.*

*Scripture: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32*

*Sermon title: “The Shortest Sermon Ever!”*

*Guest Preacher: Ken Pollitt*

**MAY 4, 2025 ...** During the musical prelude we ask that you prepare for worship by quiet prayer and reflection. If you are visiting our virtual worship service, we extend a special welcome. Chancel flowers are a great opportunity to honor, or remember loved ones and to celebrate special occasions. If you like to sign up, the flower chart is located in the office hallway or call the church office to make arrangements. Welcome Packets can be found at either door and are available for visitors, also available to take and share with your neighbors or anyone else, so as to introduce them to the church. Please feel free to visit our website [www.oysterbaypresbyterian.org](http://www.oysterbaypresbyterian.org), or call the church office if you have any questions.

**OUR SPECIAL MINISTRY OF PRAYER ...** Please keep the following people in your prayers: Jen, Cindy and all those suffering from cancer, special prayers for those suffering from the wars in Ukraine, the Mideast, and other areas where conflict reigns, for the veterans and military personnel returning from service wounded in body, mind or spirit and all those going through difficult times.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ...** are given to the glory of God.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ...**

- May 5 Rosie McC.  
Will McC.  
Jim R.
- 6 Heather B.
- 8 May McD.
- 9 Rodes C.L.  
Anthony S.
- 10 Elizabeth T.

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER ...** If you have need for special prayers, concerns or thanksgivings, please call the church office 922-5477 or Kristine 922-3126.

**This week...**

<b>Today</b>	Worship and Sunday School C.E./Sunday School Meeting	10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
Tue 5/6	Deacons	7:00 p.m.
Tue - Fri	Thrift Fair Set-Up	
Sat 5/10	Thrift Fair Community Dinner	9:00 - 2:00 p.m. 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sun 5/11	Worship and Sunday School Guest Preacher: Ken Pollitt	10:00 a.m.
<b>Coming Up...</b>	IHNC Awards Dessert Session Bookies Habitat Faith Built	May 19 May 20 May 21 May 31

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry donations will continue to be collected and delivered to local food pantries. Please place your food donations at the front of the church. Blue Bags are available in the vestibule. Your donations are greatly appreciated, Thank you!



**Community Dinner**

Meals are provided free of charge to guests of the Senior Center and People Loving People Food Pantry

**May 10, 2025**  
**5:00 p.m.**

Contact Jerry Lalonde  
Email [galalonde@aol.com](mailto:galalonde@aol.com)  
Text or Call (516) 297-7773

OR

Contact Selina Collier  
Email [selinaacollier@gmail.com](mailto:selinaacollier@gmail.com)  
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## We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK CM

Samuel McFarland, c. 1816  
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; No  
 2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And  
 4. That, when our life of faith is done, In

gra - cious words we hear From Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You

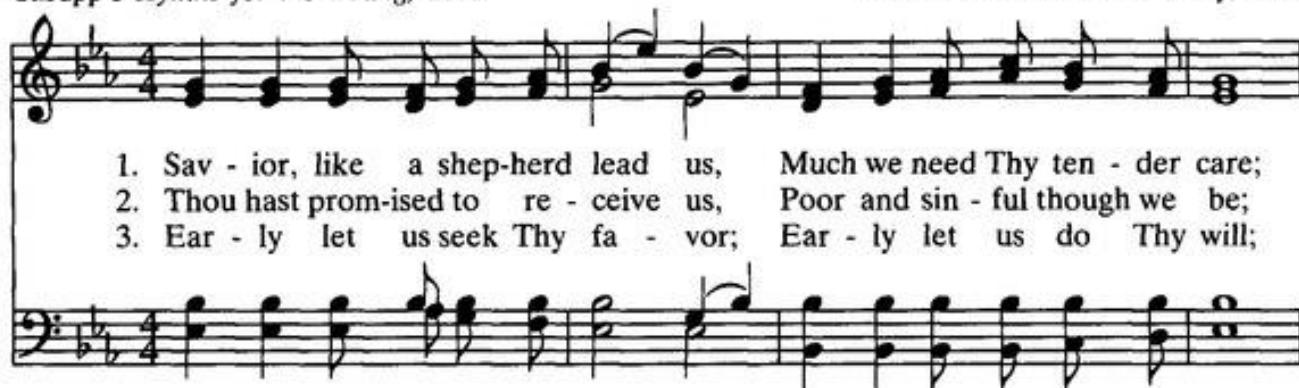
none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve Him near.  
 we re - jice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 You are near And seek where You are found:  
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.

## 387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

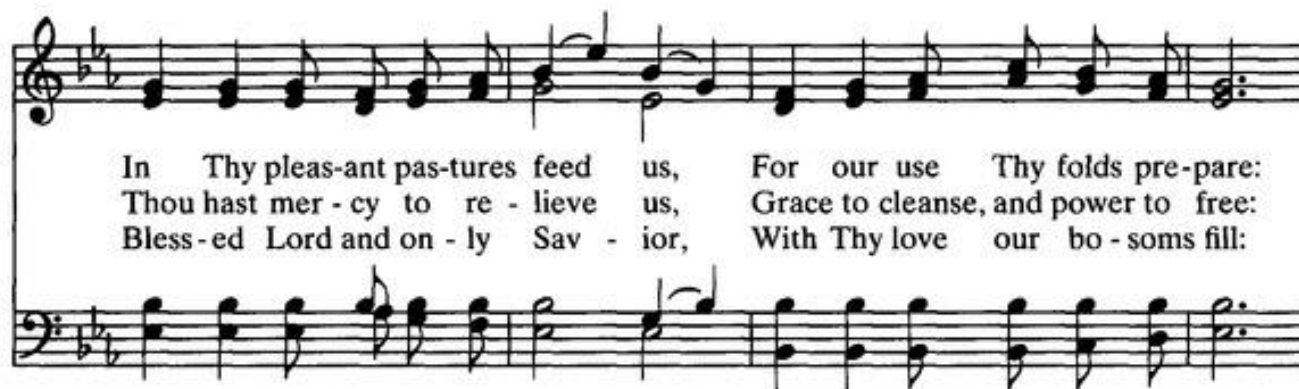
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Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young*, 1836

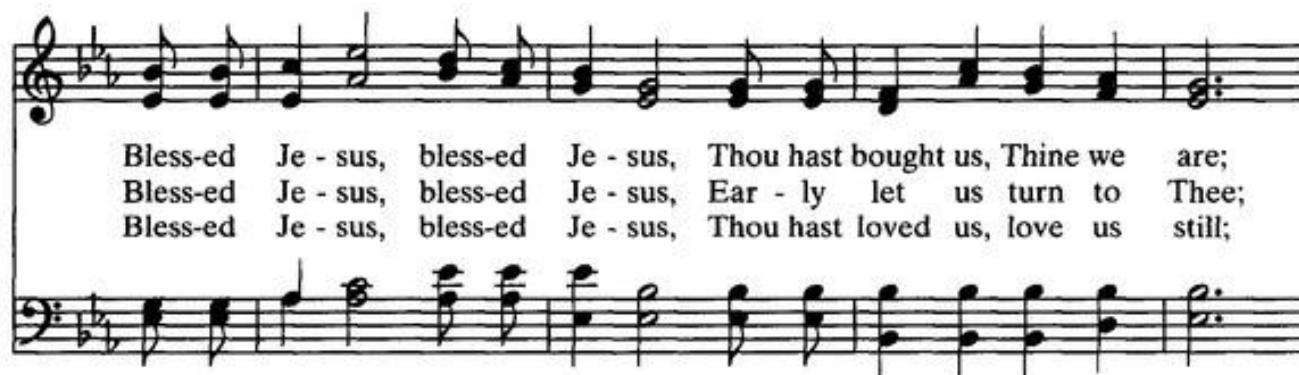
William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859



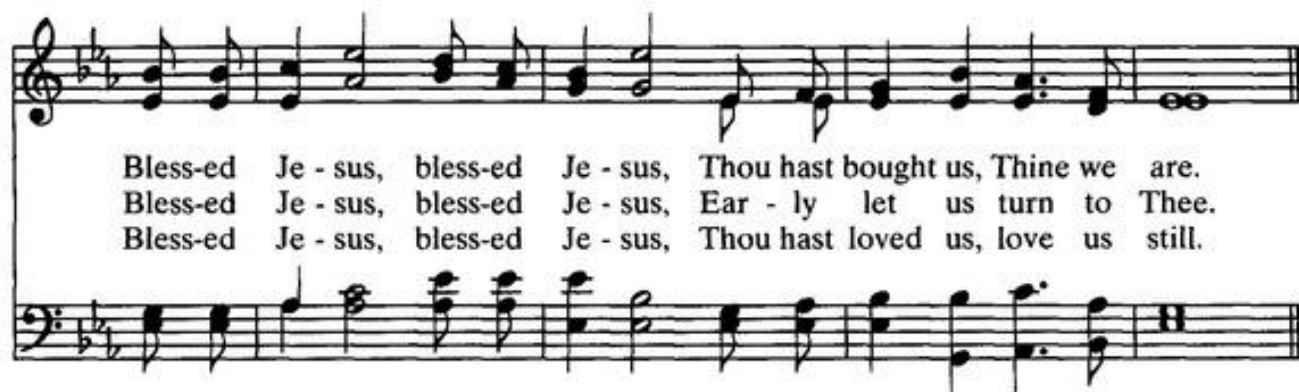
1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;  
 2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:  
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:  
 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;  
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## O Jesus, I Have Promised

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John Ernest Bode, 1868

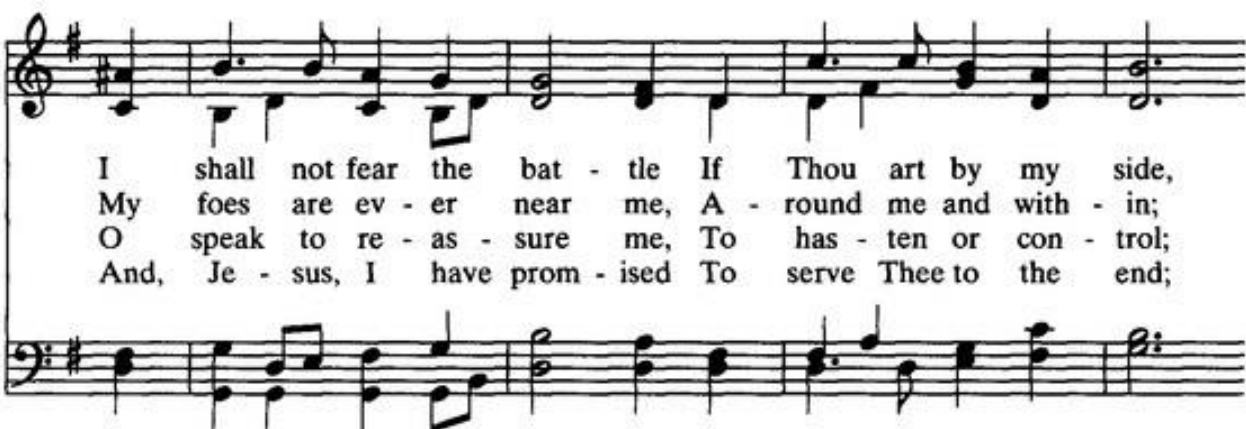
Arthur Henry Mann, 1881



1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;  
 2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 3. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,  
 4. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee



Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my friend;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;  
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will;  
 That where Thou art in glo - ry There shall Thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;



Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.  
 But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er And shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my friend.