

**ANTHEM**

"I Will Be With You"

Joel Raney

*When you pass through the water, when you walk through the fire,  
when the rivers overflow, I will be with you.  
When you walk through the desert, when you're caught in the storm,  
when you lose your way, I will be with you.  
When you can't find the answer, when you're filled with despair,  
when you stumble and fall, I will be with you.  
When you're tired from the struggle, when you're weak from the pain, lean on me.  
I will be with you!*

*For I have called you by name, you've heard the echo of my voice whisper,  
"I love you, you are mine."  
For you are precious in my sight, and I will guide you through the night.  
When you walk by faith, and I will be with you.*

*In you joy, and in your pain, if you call out my name, I will be with you.  
When you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, have no fear, I will be with you!*

**PARABLE TIME****SERMON**

"Sheep-ish Love"

Rev. Emma Horn

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Sins and sinners...)***CLOSING HYMN**

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Austrian Hymn

*Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near;  
thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.*

*See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove;  
who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

"Voluntary in E Flat"

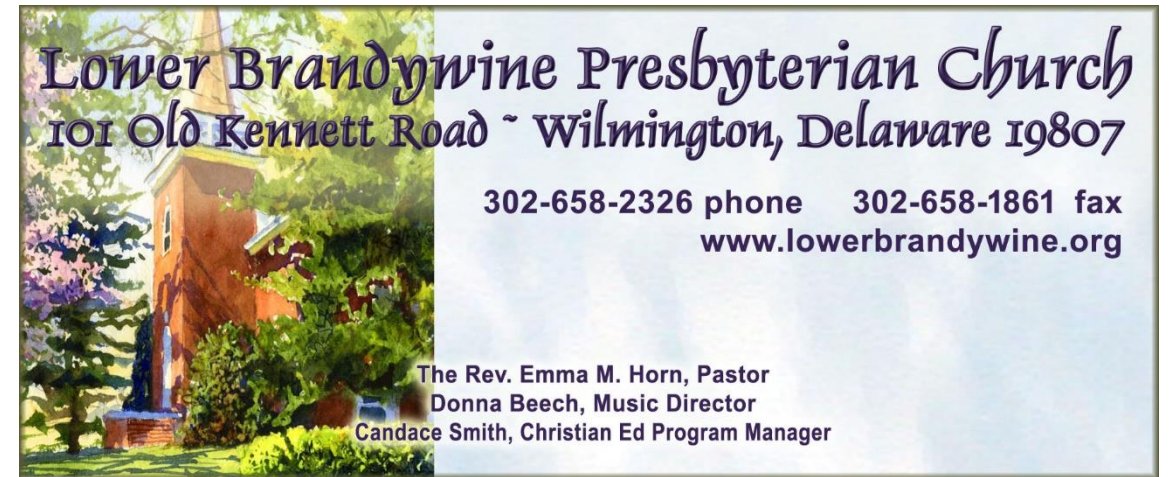
J. K. F. Fischer

**MUSICIANS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE**

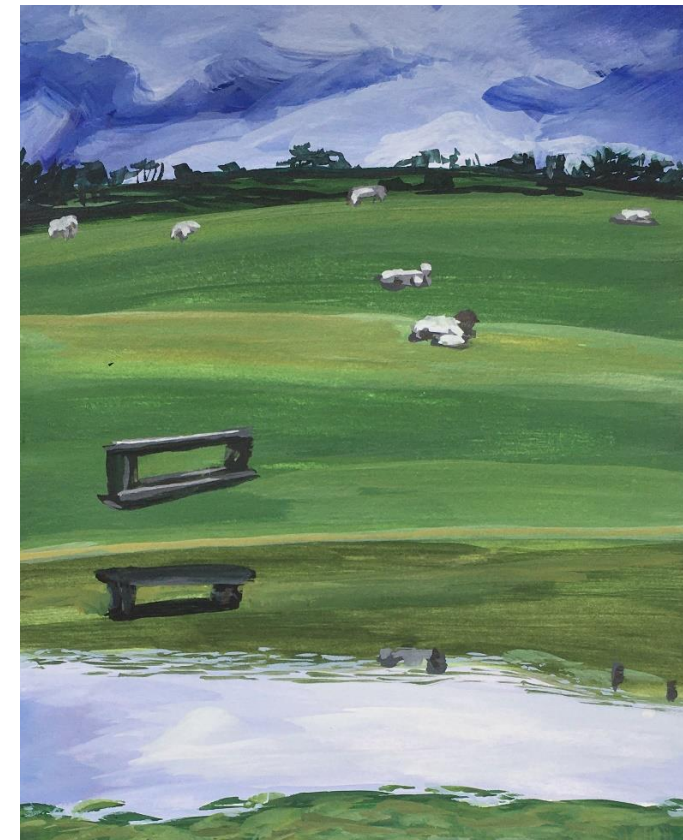
Genna Hahn, Cantor/soloist

Donna Beech, Organist/Pianist

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Fourth Sunday in Easter*



**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRELUDE**

“My Redeemer Lives”

*J. G. Walther***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our Lord is the Good Shepherd.  
 In his goodness he supplies our every need.  
 The Lord is our Shepherd,  
 and God takes perfect care of us.  
 Our Lord is the Good Shepherd.  
 God leads us into safety  
 and gives us strength for the journey.  
 The Lord is our Shepherd,  
 who grants us rest and restores our souls.  
 Our Lord is the Good Shepherd.  
 God sought us out when we were lost,  
 calling us by our names.  
 The Lord is our Shepherd,  
 and God has carried us home.  
 Friends, let us worship God together this day.

**HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Faithfulness*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
 As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

*(Refrain) Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
 Morning by morning new mercies I see  
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
 Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
 Join with all nature in manifold witness  
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Refrain*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. Refrain*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Send your Spirit among us, O God, as we meditate on your love. Prepare our minds to hear your Word, move our hearts to embrace what we hear, and strengthen our will to follow your way. This we pray through Christ, our Savior. Amen

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 23 (sung)

*(Refrain) Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;  
 I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;  
 I walk by the quiet waters of peace. Refrain*

*Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;  
 you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;  
 my spirit shall sing the music of your name. Refrain*

*Though I should wander the valley of death,  
 I fear no evil, for you are at my side;  
 you rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. Refrain*

*You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
 crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. Refrain*

*Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
 I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. Refrain*

John 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup> ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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.’