

Worship at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church October 15th, 2023
Livestream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPtHilANzcm>

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEDITATION MUSIC:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We gather in God's holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.

Congregation: Here God will transform us into disciples.

Leader: We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.

Congregation: Here God will write compassion on our hearts.

Leader: We give thanks to God for God's persistent love that seeks us out.

Congregation: Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives, and so we will praise our God!

OPENING SONG: *Gather us in*

(Graham Maule)

- ♪ *Here in this place, new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears & our dreaming, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken, gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.*
2. *We are the young - our lives are a mystery, we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty, gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.*
3. *Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining; now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever, gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

CHILDREN'S TIME: *I just wanna be a sheep*

(Brian M Howard)

- ♪ *Chorus: I just wanna be a sheep Baa, baa, baa, baa
I just wanna be a sheep Baa, baa, baa, baa
I pray the Lord my soul to keep!
I just wanna be a sheep Baa, baa, baa, baa,*
1. *Don't wanna be a goat...nope. Don't wanna be a goat...nope
Haven't got any hope...nope. Don't wanna be a goat...nope* **Chorus**
2. *Don't wanna be a hypocrite. Don't wanna be a hypocrite
'Cause they're not hip to it. Don't wanna be a hypocrite* **Chorus**
3. *Just wanna be a child of God. Just wanna be a child of God
Walkin' the same path he trod. Just wanna be a child of God* **Chorus**

SCRIPTURE: Reader: Stuart Macdonald
Psalm 23 (sung) “His Love is my resting place”
Camera/Slides DSK for lower 3rd hymn words

(Wendell Kimbrough)

♪ *The Lord is my guide and friend. I rest well when I'm with him
No hunger or thirst or anxious need when my Lord is here with me*

**Chorus: His love is my resting place, my Shepherd is kind, and full of grace
The arms of my Lord are strong and safe. His love is my resting place**

*The shadow of death may fall with darkness upon my way,
But always my Lord is near to me. His love is my resting place. **Chorus***

*Your goodness will be my feast. Your kindness will overflow
And always your love will follow me, and your house will be my home. **Chorus***

Exodus 32:1-14; Matthew 22:1-14

This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

♪ *Anthem: “Brother James Air* (James Bain)

♪ *Video: Glory to God*

♪ *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, & to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, Amen*

PRAYERS & 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil – for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, AMEN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

MESSAGE: “You Cannot Come??” Rev. Dr. Stuart Macdonald

CLOSING HYMN: #477 *Your hand, O God has guided*

(Edward H Plumptre)

BENEDICTION:

BLESSING SONG: *Go now in peace*

(Don Besig)

POSTLUDE: