



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
*Church of Hamilton*

## September 13, 2020

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Preparing Our Hearts**

**Call to Worship:** Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7

*Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;  
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.  
Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.  
Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live.  
I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.  
Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.  
Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.*

**Hymn:** Lord Most High

**Invocation, Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

**Children's Message:** Mr. Craig Story

**Hymn:** The Lord's My Shepherd

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture:** Luke 15:11-20a

**Sermon:** *Rethinking Repentance* - Pastor Jeremy McKeen

**Hymn:** Father Long Before Creation

**A Call to Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**



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## September 13, 2020 Announcements

### **Virtual Sunday School Classes begin October 4**

For all ages. More information coming soon.

### **Tuesday Noontime Prayer**

A password protected Zoom invitation will be sent to those on the prayer chain.  
To join the prayer chain, email the [church office](#).

### **Women's Ministry**

*Fall Study Group: Life Lessons from Colossians and Philemon* by Max Lucado  
Beginning September 17. Contact [Margot Rox](#) for information

*Women's Zoom Coffee Hour with Lindsay and Esther McKeen*  
Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 am

[Pre-registration](#) is required to receive Zoom link on Friday, September 25

### **Men's Ministry**

Please join our online weekly men's bible study Saturdays at 8:00 am.  
Contact [Steve Jamison](#) for a Zoom invitation.

*Informal small group Zoom meetings*  
Contact [David Rox](#), 978-257-4219.

### **Missions Prayer**

Prayer for missionaries and organizations supported by FCCH  
Tuesday, September 15, 7:45-8:30 am  
Contact [Kimie Kester](#) for the Zoom invitation.

### **Missions Committee Online Auction**

*Engaging Missions Week*, October 18-25  
Support FCCH Missionaries and Missions Committee  
Contact [Shelly Moran](#) or [Bob Payne](#) for more information.

### **Fall Youth Ministry Plans Coming Soon!**

Please stay tuned for details about youth gatherings beginning September 29..  
Please get in touch if you have questions or feedback to share!

[Brian Diehl](#)

Interim Youth Ministry Coordinator

[Chelsea Erickson](#)

Pastor of Youth and Families

# Lord Most High



From the ends of the earth, from the depths of the sea, from the

from the heights of the heav - ens Your name be praised;

heights of the heav - ens Your name be praised; From the

From the hearts of the weak, from the shouts of the strong, from the

hearts of the weak, from the shouts of the strong, from the

from the lips of all peo - ple, this song we raise, Lord.

lips of all peo - ple

Through-out the end - less ag - es You will be crowned with prais - es. Lord Most High;

Ex - alt - ed in ev - 'ry na - tion, Sov'-reign of all cre - a - tion, Lord Most High, be mag - ni - fied.

# 45 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psa. 23:1*

Psalm 23  
Scottish Psalter, 1650  
William Whittingham and others

CRIMOND C.M.  
Jessie S. Irvine, 1871  
Arr. by David Grant, 1872

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
2. My soul He doth re - store a - gain; And me to walk doth make  
3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
4. My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence of my foes;  
5. Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly fol - low me;

In pas - tures green; He lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
With - in the paths of right - eous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
My head Thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
And in God's house for - ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be. A-men.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the piano accompaniment and a single staff for the voice. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The score includes five numbered verses of lyrics, followed by a concluding verse and the word 'A-men.' The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal melody.

# Father Long Before Creation



Fa - ther long be - fore cre - a - tion      Thou hadst cho - sen us in love,  
Though the world may change its fash - ion,      Yet our God is e'er the same;  
God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry      Is my boast - ing all the day;  
Lov - ing Fa - ther now be fore Thee      We will ev - er praise Thy love,



And that love so deep, so mov - ing,      Draws us close to Christ a - bove  
His com - pas - sion and His cov - nant      Through all a - ges will re - main.  
Mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing      Moves my will, di - rects my way.  
And our songs will sound un ceas - ing      'Til we reach our home a - bove,



Still it keeps us, still it keeps us      Firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.  
God's own chil - dren, God's own chil - dren      Must for - ev - er praise His name.  
God so loved us, God so loved us      That His on - ly Son He gave.  
[Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry      To our God and to the Lamb] (repeat)