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# *1 Am the Good Shepherd*

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Today's Lay Reader: Lynn Caterson

## Welcome

## Prelude

O Love How Deep

arr. Paul Manz

## Call to Worship

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** **We come, ready to follow the voice of our good shepherd.**

**Leader:** A good shepherd stands in the doorway and protects their flock.

**People:** **A bad shepherd runs away when things get tough, leaving their flock vulnerable and helpless. Jesus is the good shepherd. We will put our trust in him!**

## Hymn

## Thine Be the Glory

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con-que-ri-  
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb;  
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end-less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.  
 lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.  
 Life is naught with-out thee; aid us in our strife.

An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 Let the church with glad - ness  
 Make us more than con - querors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for our Lord now  
 through thy death-less love; bring us safe through



To receive power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
Honor and glory and blessing!  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.  
Worthy is the lamb that was slain, worthy is the Lamb!

**Solo**

Something Beautiful  
*Ray Glanville*

William J. Gaither

### **Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev**

#### **Scripture Lesson**

John 10:11-18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 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.”

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

#### **Message**

*I Am the Good Shepherd*

#### **Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

#### **Offertory**

In Paradisum

Henri Mulet

#### **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Hymn

## How Great Thou Art

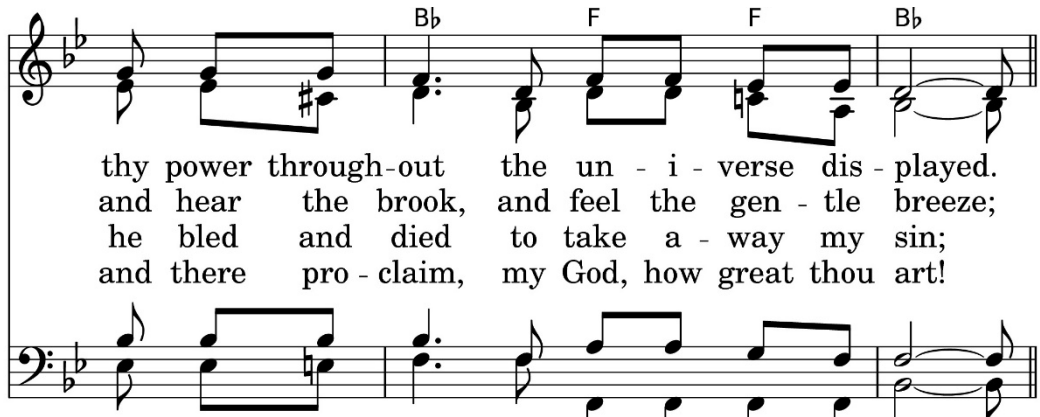
(verses 1, 3, and 4)

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der  
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

con - sid - er all the \*worlds thy hands have made,  
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the \*roll - ing thun - der,  
 when I look down from loft - y moun-tain gran - deur  
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,  
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy power through-out the un - i - verse dis - played.  
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

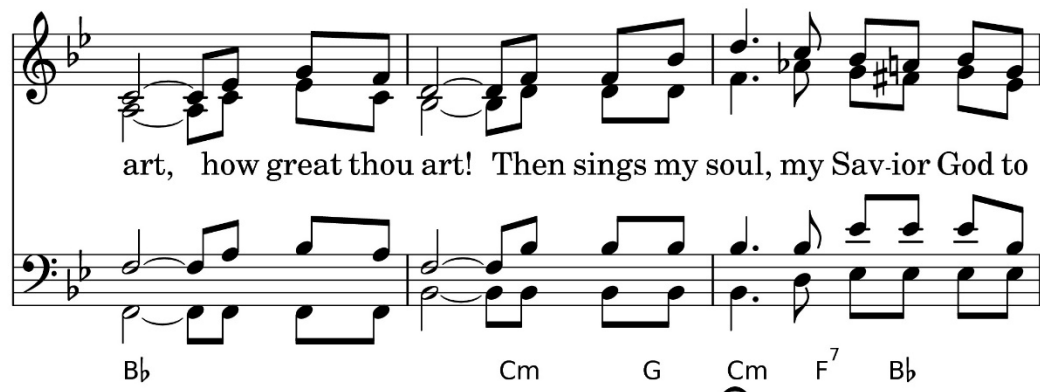


*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou



art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to



thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!



**Benediction  
Postlude**

To God Be the Glory

William Deane