



# Order of Service

## 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2022

### 10.00 am

Worship led by Rev Dr André Groenewald  
Music from Martin Petty and the Choir



<sup>11</sup> “For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.

## Welcome & Announcements

### Call to worship (Psalm 23):

Minister: The Lord is my shepherd

**All: The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.**

Minister: He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Beloved, I greet you in the Name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

**CH4 198**

**Let us build a house**

### Opening prayer and The Lord's Prayer

We ask this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

**ALL:** 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

### Reading: Ezekiel 34:1-16 by George Burt

*Shepherds and Sheep*

**34** The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?' <sup>3</sup> You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. <sup>4</sup> You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. <sup>5</sup> So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals.

<sup>6</sup> My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. <sup>7</sup> “Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>8</sup> As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock, <sup>9</sup> therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>10</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them. <sup>11</sup> “For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. <sup>14</sup> I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>16</sup> I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

**Choir sings CH4 16 “The Lord’s my shepherd (Orlington) vs 1, 2 & 5”.**

Reflection

**CH4 551**

**In heavenly love abiding**

Prayer of thanksgiving by Lesley Burt

**MP 1008**

**The Lord is my shepherd**

Blessing

**Congregation sing Amen, Amen, Amen**



## **BALERNO PARISH CHURCH**

### **Intimations**

### **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2022**

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

15 May 2022 @ 10 am Worship service and baptism of George Edward Easton

22 May 2022 @ 10 am Worship service

29 May 2022 @ 10 am Worship service

**5 June 2022 @ 10 am Communion service**

**5 June 2022 @ 3 pm Communion service**

12 June 2022 @ 10 am Worship service

19 June 2022 @ 10 am Worship service

**26 June 2022 @ 10 am Summer family service with picnic**

### **IMPORTANT DATE:**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 members of the Deployment Sub Group will speak to the Kirk Session about the Presbytery Plan. Members of the congregation are invited to attend as well.



### **THE MILL CAFÉ**

Open Tuesday – Friday, 9.30am – 2pm

Serving teas/coffees, home baking, snack lunches.

We are a friendly group and are always delighted to welcome new volunteers to our team. Pop in and see what we are all about.

### **BALERNO BANK DETAILS:**

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