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### **WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GOD**

**Theme:** Christ the Chief Shepherd

**Bulletin theology:** Catechism of the Church of Geneva, 27

Q. Why do you call God only “creator”? Does He do no more than merely create?

A. Calling God “Creator” in no way even hints that He might have created and then cast off all care of His creation; instead, it is to be understood that, just as He framed the world in the beginning, so He still preserves it: that earth and all other things continue only as they are preserved by His power and provision. Further, since He upholds all things by His hand, it is evident that He is the supreme Lord of all.

Since, then, He is the Creator of heaven and earth, it is fitting for us to understand Him to be the One, Who by His wisdom, power, and goodness, governs the whole course and order of nature; Who is alike the author of the rain and the drought, of the hail and other tempests as well as of fair weather; Who makes the earth fruitful by His bounty, and by withdrawing His hand renders it barren; from Whom alike come health and disease. To His dominion all things are subject, and to His will all things are obedient.

Welcome & Announcements

\* Congregational Greeting

### **OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP**

**\*Call to Worship**—from Psalm 43

Rev. Alex Ford

*L: O Lord, You are the God in Whom we take refuge: send out Your light and Your truth and let them lead us. Let them bring us to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling place!*

**C: Then we will go to the altar of God—to God our exceeding joy; we will praise You with stringed instruments, O God, our God.**

*L: Hope in God: for you shall again praise Him, your salvation and your God.*

### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

*\*Worship through Song:*

Hymn #462 “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Hymn #46 “God Leads Us Along”

### **Congregational Prayer**

**Offering of tithes and gifts** (please remain seated)

Offering Song: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Praise Team

**Sermon**

Series: GREATER THAN: A Study of Hebrews

Sermon Title: **“Responsibility Toward Leadership”**

Text: Hebrews 13:17-19 (p. 1025)

Rev. Tony Lombardo

**Communion**

\*Sending Song – Hymn #50 *“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”*

**\*Benediction**

Postlude