

## Cadet Sunday: April 24, 2022: God's in Control

Cadets file in at about 9:58 or so and sit in the first few pews

Welcome (2nd Sunday of Eastertide, guest pastor Pastor Todd Harris, Cadets, mention Ena Boots bday song, and hearing more about Cadets from Steve Siebenga during offering)

Call To Worship (Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24)

Day by day, God leads us:

**to the deep, deep pools of peace,  
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**to pour out ourselves in service,  
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**the community we could be,  
the family we are called to become.**

Song: *Jesus Strong and Kind*

God's greeting

We greet each other (Cadets assemble on stage at this time)

Cadet Landmarks

Cadet Song: *Living for Jesus* (cadets sing v1, congregation join in v2 and cadets take their seats again)

Song of Praise: *Cornerstone*

Confession

(based on Psalm 23, Joshua 1:9, Philippians 4:13 and modified from calvinistcadets.org)

Leader: This year's Cadet theme is "God's in Control". God's in control of our daily provisions, our present and our future. God's in control, in powerful ways, of every Cadet club around the world. God's in control of the relationships being built between counsellors and cadets as they together learn what it means to be Living for Jesus.

**Cadets/Congregation: Yet, all of us, Cadets included, have lived lives that show we do not always trust in God's care and love for us.**

**We turn to so many other things for our security.**

**We often wonder if God really knows us or cares for us.**

Leader: Therefore let us affirm together that we are indeed a Resurrection people, called by God to live a Resurrection life.

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

**Cadets/Congregation: God's in Control.**

Leader: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

**Cadets/Congregation: Be strong and courageous.**

Leader: He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake.

**Cadets/Congregation: Do not be afraid.**

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**Cadets/Congregation: Do not be discouraged.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Cadets/Congregation:**

**For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.**

Leader: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Cadets/Congregation: God's in Control.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

Help us to trust you to journey with us and to guide us.

Help us to rest in your promise to never leave us or forsake us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: So, hear the good news:

in Jesus Christ we are sought,  
we are found,  
we are forgiven.

**Cadets/Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Song: *Standing on the Promises* (Ena Boot's birthday song)

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of Scripture      John 20:24-31

Sermon:                      "God is in Control!"

Song of Response:      *Still* (Reuben Morgan)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings:    1. Woody Nook Ministries

                  2. Woody Nook Cadets

Offering      (*Steve Siebenga speaks about Cadets*)

God's Parting Blessing

Song: *Ancient of Days*