

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought"

Composed by W. Bradbury (Incorporates Mozart Adagio from Viennese Sonata No.3)

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE FOLLOW GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

No. 187
BRADBURY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Jubilee II

- Patricia Lou Harris

*Those who are able, please stand.

We warmly greet all who have gathered to worship God and extend a special welcome to those visiting.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY: The Rev. Natasha Blackwood, Pastor; Elizabeth Nix, Director of Christian Education; Logan Ciokan, Interim Choir Director; Moneen Bethea, Accompanist; Linda DeYoung, Liturgist; William Crisp and Charlie Mabry, Acolytes; Logan Ciokan, Elder of the Month; Chuck Watkins, Deacon/Greeter; Cathy Huddleson and Virgil Reed, Ushers; Tim Kline, Judy Laut, Rik Blackwood and Lawton Baker, Sound.



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“The Good Shepherd”, Dupre, Julien

“Julien Dupre drew on that popular theme and moved it to allegory, with the naming of a shepherdess as the "good shepherd." Christ, the spiritual Good Shepherd, becomes a calming presence without being pictured, simply by the artist's use of sheep, staff/rod, and one who tends the flock.”

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
APRIL 21ST, 2024 | 4TH SUNDAY IN EASTER



WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraven, that no prosperity, no adversity, shall ever move me from your love. Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, a very present help in trouble, and a guide to heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life. Amen.

—Thomas à Kempis (c. 1380–1471)

INTROIT

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

“Meditation on the Lord my Shepherd”

Tune- Crimond

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 40

Leader: From the time the sun rises beginning a new day until the sunset;

People: **we praise you, O Lord, our Risen Christ.**

Leader: In the light of day or under the heaviest dark clouds;

People: **we trust and follow you, our Good Shepherd.**

Leader: With you we do not fear either the day or the night;

People: **for darkness and light are alike to you.**

Leader: In you we place our trust. You are our God and our times are in your hand.

People: **In you we rest in green pastures and find peace by still waters.**

All: **Let your face shine upon us as we celebrate and praise our God!**

*OPENING HYMN

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

No. 41
LYONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our most holy Friend, we come before you as wanderers who need to come home to familiar ground and saving grace. We come seeking that Shepherd-love that gave Mary Magdalene back her sanity, Zacchaeus back his self respect, Peter a second chance, and Paul a totally new life. Holy Friend, help us trust you with ourselves, our loved ones, and this world. Open our hearts to trust you with all that we treasure and commit ourselves to release to you all that is to come. May we strive to live joyfully in all the goodness we receive from your hands. And may we seek the same grace and joy for everyone around us. Create in us a new gratitude for all people, and awaken in us a longing for the qualities of Christ Jesus. Make us aware of the mighty crowd of people surrounding us, both past and present, and all those who are yet to come.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Elizabeth Nix

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

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The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“I Just Wanna Be A Sheep”

W.O.W. Kids

Charley Crisp (solo), Eloise Mabry (electric guitar), Will Brown, Milo Brown, William Crisp, Maddox Gooch, Laura Beth Heathcote, John Heathcote, Sam Allen Heathcote, Caroline Johnson, Nolan Perkins, and Laneya Williams

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-18

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SERMON

The Rev. Natasha Blackwood

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN

“Be Still, My Soul”

No. 819

