



Sunday, April 25, 2021

Welcome!

We are thankful that you are worshiping with us today! To learn more about the life of our congregation, join our email list [here](#).

Here are some helpful resources for our younger worshippers:

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this morning to worship the Good Shepherd

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

We gather to worship Jesus Christ

Jesus calls us to lay down our lives for others.

Easter people let us join together to celebrate the resurrection. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed!

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

1. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.
2. Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame;
From everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;
They fly forgotten as a dream dies at the opening day.
6. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Rom. 8:26

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What love you have given us, O God, that we should be called your children. What love you have given us, O Christ, that we should share a table with you. Forgive us when we act as if we were your only children: when we do not recognize your image in the faces of strangers, enemies, or friends; when we do not share our own tables, forgetting that we need each other. Forgive us, O Christ, maker of peace, and teach us to follow in your way.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Acts 2:17, 21

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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 OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 187)

BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
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THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:16-24

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 10:11-18

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Dennis Jewett

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,
hea - ven and the earth are full of your glo - ry, love, and light.
Bles - sed is the one who comes in your ho - ly name, O Lord.
Ho - sa - na in the high - est! Ho - sa - na in the high - est!

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord. We thank you that he is the Good Shepherd who has laid down his life for us. Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vail I fear no ill, with thee dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
5. And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

The flowers today were given by Creda Heffelfinger
in memory of Dayton Hicks Heffelfinger.

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING & PRESIDING AT THE TABLE

Dennis Jewett, Director of Music

ASSISTING

Jeff Moles, Director of Christian Education & Mission
Stephanie Dube, Director of Youth Ministries & Weekday School

MUSICIANS

Patrick Ritsch, Organist
Choral Scholars