



Service of Worship for the Lord's Day May 8, 2022



Easter 4C

*The prayers today were written by John Stuart.

PRELUDE "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is" Wilbur Held

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You invite us to come into Your presence and abide in Your peace.

People: Good Shepherd, guide us and care for us today.

Pastor: May we please You with our praise and honor You with our worship.

People: Anoint us with Your grace and fill us with Your love. Amen.

HYMN #187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Guide: Everlasting Lord, who brings life into the world and who nurtures our spirits with wonder and wisdom, we rejoice in Your presence and adore Your loving ways. Like a global mother, You have constantly embraced our planet and sustained our earthbound lives. We are thankful for Your constant care; we are grateful for Your enduring grace.

People: Loving God, we try to follow Your teachings and keep Your commands, but we confess to being inconsistent with our faith and dilatory with our service. We follow our own paths and make selfish choices that disappoint and offend You. We ignore the needs of others and often discard opportunities to make things better in their lives. We are quick to judge and slow to understand; we fall prey to temptation and cast aside Your words. Forgive us for being careless with our faith and fearless in our defiance. Hear us now as we inwardly pray.

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: Gracious God, thank You for sending Jesus into our world to take away our sins and grant us Your peace. May we reunite our spirits with Him through the saying of His words: "**Our Father, Who art in Heaven...THE LORD'S PRAYER**" ***debts/debtors***

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: We can do nothing to reconnect ourselves to God or be restored to His Kingdom when we sin. Only Jesus can stand between us and God's wrath. So, let

us be thankful for our Savior and eternally grateful for His sacrifice. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (*Sung in Unison*) Hymn #581

***“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.”***

ANTHEM "Be Thou My Vision" by Catherine McMichael - Jackson and Eli Sharp, cellos

FAMILY SERMON Joy Bornhoeft

PRAYER FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

Pastor: Mothering God, who knows all that we experience and endure, we come to You for healing and help, strength and stability. We ask You to enable us to overcome our injuries, illnesses, and issues which weaken our hearts and minds, and sometimes wound our bodies and souls. We pray that You will graciously aid our recovery from all that harms us and lovingly liberate us from all that hinders our well-being.

People: Almighty Creator, we bring to You our loved ones and friends, by quietly naming our relatives and colleagues who need healing. Grant them strength for their bodies and peace in their minds so that they may overcome all of their personal pain, problems, and setbacks. Hear us now as we silently pray.

- Silent prayer for others and ourselves. A candle is lit. -

Pastor: May the good Lord embrace our prayers and feed our spirits with love. Amen.

“SANCTUARY” (*sung in unison*) from hymn #701

***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary for You.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Holy Spirit, as we read and hear the sacred scriptures, may they penetrate our hearts and minds, so that we may receive the lessons You offer, as well as applying the teaching You give. In Christ's Name, we ask. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 23:1-6

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2-3 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

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

4 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.

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

6 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.

ALL: This is the Word of the Lord. Amen.

John 10:22-30

22-23 Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade.

24 The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

25-26 Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.

27-28 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

29-30 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE....."Dedicated"Rev. John Stuart, Pastor

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS (Sung in Unison) "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"
***God, Whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.***

DEDICATION

Lord Jesus, may we continue to focus ahead on what You are calling our congregation to become. May we invest our time, talents, and treasures in Your Kingdom, as we combine our gifts to make this offering to You. In Your Holy Name, we give and pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" vs. 1, 3, and 6

BENEDICTION

May Christ shepherd us each day and guide our paths; may the Father watch over our ways and nurture our souls; and may the Holy Spirit make us aware of the work we are still being called to do in the world. To the glory and honor of the One, Triune, and Living God. Amen .

DOXOLOGY

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

POSTLUDE “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” Paul Manz

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*Unified in Christ, we actively seek to create harmony in a
diverse community through compassion, mutual respect and love.*

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FOLLOW-UP READINGS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Proverbs 30:1-16	Proverbs 30:17-33	Proverbs 31:1-15	Proverbs 31:16-31
Acts 5:21-42	Acts 6:1-15	Acts 7:1-22	Acts 7:23-43
FRIDAY	SATURDAY		SUNDAY
Eccles. 1:1-18	Eccles. 2:1-11		Psalms 148:1-6
Acts 7:44-60	Acts 8:1-21		John 13:31-35

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

John 10:27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

Each Sunday when we come to church, we're not just here to sing praises and give God our prayers, we're also here to listen to Christ's voice, through the scriptures we read and the message that is given. Both are meant to draw us closer to Jesus, so that we can apply His teaching in our daily lives. If we truly listen to His voice, we will faithfully follow Him.