



April 21, 2024

4th Sunday after Easter

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE..... "Sheep May Safely Graze" *J.S. Bach, Arr. by John W. Schaum*

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (*Public Domain*)

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Based on Psalm 23*)

Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

*Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful
and in need of comfort,*

**Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall
dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

Come, let us worship God

❖ **HYMN** ... "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" vs. 1, 3 & 5..... **#624**
(CCLI Song #4213967. Elizabeth Lee Smith | John Calvin. Public Domain.)

❖ **CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

**Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and
stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others
feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways,
our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and
compare, demean and degrade. (a time for silent confession)
Gracious God, redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as
your flock. Amen.**

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

❖ **AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING Acts 4:5-12, pg. 1554
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM..... "Hymn of Promise" *words and music by Natalie Sleeth*

2nd SCRIPTURE READINGJohn 10:11-18, pg. 1528
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MESSAGEThe Rev. Sara K. Snowden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

❖ **HYMN** "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" #801
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❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*p. 35 in the hymnal*)

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

❖**HYMN** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” **#834**
(CCLI Song #7205306. Thomas Andrew Dorsey. Words: 1938 Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp.; Music: 1983 Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp.)

❖SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE..... “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”
William Bradbury, Arr. by Norman J. Clayton

Pastor: The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

Lector: Chip Snowden

Greeter/Usher: Bev Mason

Worship Pianist: Amy Dickman

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