

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
PUBLIC WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.
The Reverend Debra Latture, Officiate

LARGE PRINT hymnals available
NURSERY is available upon request during the Worship Service
SUNDAY SCHOOL is available during the Worship Service, except during summer
*All who are able may stand

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: *“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”*
Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

MISSION MOMENT:

Our mission is to provide a church home that serves our congregation and our community through praise, worship, and Christian outreach with a determination to live by God's Word and for God's glory.

APRIL MISSION: Team Guatemala

INTROIT: *“Hail, Thee, Festival Day”*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/People)

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.

Christ lays down his life for the sheep.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN: #403 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God we have chopped ourselves, our loved ones, and our world into pieces, accepting some parts & rejecting others. We have made ourselves the judges of which hopes, which people, which nations are acceptable, forgetting that you are the only judge. We have denied, repressed, ignored, or condemned all the pieces of your world that we don't like. In our souls & on our earth we have left brokenness where you created wholeness. Merciful God, forgive us our sin. AMEN. (Silent Confession & Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Leader/People)

Neither this world nor your life is so broken that God cannot restore it to wholeness. Trust & believe that, after separation, reconciliation is possible.

God calls us by name and shows us the way home.

In the name of Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven.

*SON G OF PRAISE: *“Celtic Alleluia”* (Alleluia 4x)

CONCERNS and JOYS

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Traditional) Inside back cover of Hymnals

*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23 (Pew Bible Page 501)

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The Lord is my shepherd, leading, protecting, and feeding me

ANTHEM: *“How Can I Keep from Singing”*

Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:11-18 (Pew Bible Page 103)

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Jesus says: I am the good shepherd; I lay down my life for my sheep

SERMON: *Vulnerable Shepherds*

Reverend Debra Latture

*HYMN: #52 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *“Blessed Be the Name”*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *“The Apostles' Creed”* (Traditional) Inside back cover of Hymnals

THE RESPONDING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*SONG OF DEDICATION: #815 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *“Doxology”*

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Leader/People)

For every benefit we praise you, God;

For every gift received & for each gift we are blessed in giving.

For all your goodness we give thanks to you; the providence which made & nourishes life;

the presence which brings meaning in divine & human love,

and the promise that gives hope for each new moment.

Out of faith & into hope we are led by your love & for these graces we return our thanks, through the mercies of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN: #408 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) *“How Firm a Foundation”*

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE

Director of Music – Matthew Gillis