



## **First Presbyterian Church**

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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 25, 2021**

**10:00am**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**He lays down his life for his sheep.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**He knows us, and we belong to him.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

We are your people, O God—the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table; through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. Amen.

**HYMN:**        *“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”*    #803

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God’s deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore, let us confess our sin.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*Time for Silent Confession*

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**We seek God’s grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**1 John 3:16-24**

**John 10:11-18**

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Leslie Latham

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **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.**

### **CALL TO THE OFFERING**

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

### **THE OFFERTORY**

#### **DOXOLOGY**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**HYMN:**      *"Blessed Assurance"* #839

### **CHARGE**

### **BENEDICTION**

(The words to the hymns are on the last page)

## **Hymns**

### **“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”**

1. My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name.  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
2. When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stay;  
One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.
3. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
Oh, may your house be my abode and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

### **“Blessed Assurance”**

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

#### **Refrain**

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
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2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior, am happy and blessed,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)