

Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2015

As we enter, may we be reminded: *Surely, the Lord is in this place.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*We are your people, O God – the flock you have gathered.
Lead us beside still waters. Teach us your ways. And feed us at your Table. Amen.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Kelly Weaver

*INTROIT #609 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Wren, 1989

*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.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

Let us worship our Lord Jesus Christ!

*HYMN #826

“Lift High the Cross”

Kitchin, 1887

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 sins to our loving God. We will pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Vigilant Shepherd, we confess that our souls are so often empty, which sends us searching for all those things which cannot nourish us. Our restless longing for the goods of the world fill us with every lust and envy. Our belief that still waters are stagnant causes us to thirst for whitewater thrills and adventures. Our trust in the hollow promises of our culture turns us away from the shelter you offer to us. Forgive us, Holy One. Call us back

from our wayward lives, so we may find rest in the stillness of your gentle heart; so we may find healing from your scarred hands; so we may find that life for which we yearn, in you and through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: God will walk with us in every moment, God will fill us with goodness and mercy, God will bring us home to live forever.

Anointed with grace and forgiveness, our lives overflow with love for all people. Thanks be to our mighty, and merciful, and gentle God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI *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.*

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ANTHEM

“He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd”
Bert Lowe

by G. F. Handel

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Acts 4: 5-12

Bibles, p. 113/ LG. p.147

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #693

“Though I May Speak”
April Hymn of the Month

Hopson, 1972

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 10: 11-18

Bibles, p.98 / LG. p. 126

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“This Guy Really Knows His Sheep”

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“We believe that in Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared human needs, temptations, joys and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. In giving himself for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. We believe that God raised him from the dead,

vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.” This, we believe. Amen.— The Confession of 1967 9.08

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN – Please Pray for the Children (see insert)

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #462

“I Love to Tell the Story” (v. 1-2)

Fischer, 1869

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #2462

“I Love to Tell the Story” (v 3)

POSTLUDE

Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Jane & Tolly Dill, Diane Dill, Mike Dill, Cindy Ratliff, Debbie Murphy, Bob Hays, Sue Williams, Linda & Mark Davis and Jordan, Neil Pennal, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Jack Clark

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesdays	4:15-5:15	Kids for God
Mon. 04/27	6:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Women
Thurs. 04/30	6:00 p.m.	Spanish Class
Sun. 05/03	Communion Sunday	

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