

# Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

You are welcome in God's house. Enter in reverence.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*We are deep in stress and shadows. We try to flee from the very life we long to discover.  
Be our Shepherd, loving Lord. Lead us back home. Grant us grace and green pastures. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE "Lord, Jesus Christ, the Savior of You All" J.S. Bach

WELCOME John Tieken

\*INTROIT #469 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (2x) Medema, 1970

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come this morning from places of turbulence and difficulty.

*We come seeking green pastures and still waters.*

We come weary from stumbling down the wrong roads and encountering dead-ends.

*We come seeking the way. A new way. God's way.*

We come pursued by the enemies of despair, cynicism, and materialism.

*We come seeking the only things that satiate: goodness, mercy, and love.*

\*HYMN #182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Bonar, 1846

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have no time for rest, or to sit by calm oases of grace, or find the right paths to follow, and so we hurt people with our words and deeds, and then we turn away from the One who seeks to feed us with goodness and mercy. Let us come to our God, who longs to anoint us with forgiveness. Let us dare to bring our prayers of confession to the One who hears us and heals us. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God who shepherds us, you must wonder how long we will continue to live the way we do. We snatch hope out of the grasp of those who need it most. Our acts of kindness are offered only to those we think to be deserving of our generosity. We gather around to watch endless reality shows, while those whose real lives are filled with struggle and loss are ignored. Yet, Merciful One, you refuse to keep forgiveness a mystery, but offer it to us without any*

*hesitation. You gather us in the green pastures of mercy, so we might find hope. You offer us a drink of the living waters so we might become still enough to listen to your heart. You send the Spirit to take us by the hand to lead us on the paths of justice, goodness, and mercy. Forgive us yet again, Loving Shepherd. Help us know your peace. Help us trust your grace. Help us to share your love. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God will lead us into places of hope. God will give us the waters of life to strengthen us. God will be with us in every moment, in every place of our lives. In the name of God's Son, we are pardoned!

*Anointed with grace, fed with joy and wonder, we offer blessing and thanksgiving to the One who forgives us now and forever. Thanks be to 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.* #580

## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 23 Bibles, p.474/LG. p.617  
The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

HYMN #803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Watts, 1719

SECOND SCRIPTURE John 10: 22-30 Bibles, p.98/ LG. p.127  
The Word of God, for the People of God *Thanks be to God*

SERMON "Does God Know Me?" Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the*

*Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.” This, we believe. Amen.* – *The Nicene Creed*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “*Trust in Jesus*” arr. Campfield

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## *Sending*

\*HYMN #547 “*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*” (v.1&2) Vajda, 1983

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #547 “*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*” (v.3)

POSTLUDE “*How Lovely is Your Abiding Place*” arr. Anderson  
(\* Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

*Flowers on the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Lynette Myers and in honor of Tom Weaver.*

**This week’s prayers and concerns:** Fonta Conway, Debbie Murphy, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Tolly Dill, Jack Clark, Jack Gray, Syble and Tom DeLoach, Martha Paul Bennett and David Craig.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thur. 04/21	P.W. trip to Son Shine Lighthouse	10:30am (meet at church)
Thur. 04/21	Session Meeting	6:30pm
Mon. 04/25	Pipeline Deadline	

*Kids For God Every Wed. at 4:15pm & Choir Practice Every Wed. at 5:45pm*

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Custodian: Bob Schauwecker Nursery Attendant: Martha Baughman

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.*



*Psalm 23:4*

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