

May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE “Adagio from Oboe Concerto in D Minor” Marcello/Bach
arr. Bagrazyan

“Adagio from Arpeggione Sonata” Schubert
arr. Bagrazyan

OPENING SENTENCES Luke 24:34; John 10:11; Rev. 7:17

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.
The Lamb of God will be our shepherd;
he will guide us to the water of life.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN** #522 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” BRADBURY

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 Pet. 2:24

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Pet. 2:25

... we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN #330 “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” CRIMOND

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Jacob Castle and Erin McGonigal
... There is one body and one Spirit, Eph. 4:4-6
just as you were called
to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

PROFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN #758 “Baptized in Water” BUNESSAN

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... God of new life,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in pew racks)

INVITATION TO OFFERING Acts 2:44-46

OFFERTORY “A Mother’s Prayer” Sager / Foster
Lisa Castle, soloist

+**RESPONSE** #255 “Good Christians All, Rejoice” GELOBT SEI GOTT
(refrain)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism*
Question: What does the fourth petition in the Lord’s Prayer mean?
Answer: “**Give us this day our daily bread**” means: **Do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know that you are the only source of everything good, and that neither our work and worry nor your gifts can do us any good without your blessing. And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and trust in you alone.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 9:36-43

PSALM “Shepherd Me, O God” (Psalm 23) SHEPHERD ME

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

Choral refrain

He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I fear no evil,
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Choral refrain

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.

Choral refrain

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 7:9-17

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:22-30

RESPONSE John 14:1, 6

Jesus said: I am the way, the truth,
and the life. Believe in me.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” arr. Koerts

SERMON “The Lamb at the Center of the Throne” Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN** #60 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS

+**BLESSING** Rev. 22:13
... be with you all.
Alleluia!

+CHARGE Rev. 22:20
Come, Lord Jesus!
Amen!

+BENEDICTION “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” arr. Koerts
(refrain)

POSTLUDE “Sanctus from Coronation Mass” Mozart

Join us for fellowship after worship.

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Kelli Green
Greeters: Jerry and Sharon Ambrose
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Today’s flowers are given by
Loren and Jay Harkness
in memory of
Roger Harkness

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WORSHIP

10:00 am on Sundays

DAILY PRAYER

search for “Daily Prayer (Presbyterian Book of Common Worship)” in your podcast app, or go to www.buzzsprout.com/1466482

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Wednesday | Prayer Fellowship | 12:00 pm |
| | Worship and Music Committee | 1:30 pm |
| | Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth) | 4:00 pm |
| | Bell Choir Rehearsal | 6:15 pm |
| | Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday | Finance Committee | 8:00 am |
| Friday | Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath | |
| Saturday | Work Day at Camp Greenwood | |

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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| Lyle Brockman | May 9 |
| Judy Caswell | May 11 |

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The Good Shepherd
by Bernhard Plockhorst (1825-1907)

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

Numbers 6:24-26