



April 25, 2021
4th Sunday of Easter
* standing as able

Life at Grace Announcements

Opening Voluntary

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter

Grace Notes Sunday Ensemble

* Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

We will worship the Lord with gladness and come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us and we are his;

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

We will give thanks and bless God's name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

And his faithfulness to all generations.

* Hymn 248

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession

Lord, we say we will follow you wherever you might lead. Forgive us when we complain about what you have provided. Forgive us when we when we stray outside the wide bounds you have set for us. Forgive us when we are scared and fail to trust you on steep cliffs and through deep, dark valleys. Forgive us for refusing to lie down when we need to. Be the one to whom we turn, whose hand we hold, whose staff we follow. Be the Shepherd who leads us, in goodness and mercy, safely home.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:31, 32

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Believe the good news of the gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.**

* Response (Hymn 581)

"Glory Be to the Father"

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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.

* Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

With forgiveness, there is peace. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and before sitting, share this peace with one another with a friendly wave, saying: "The peace of the Risen Christ be with you!"

And also with you!

Anthem

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"
Sanctuary Choir

from Requiem by John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing
He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the path of righteousness,
For his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.
For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me;
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds

and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Gospel Lesson

John 10:10-15

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

Message

"The Good Shepherd"

Praise

"Goodness Of God"

by Ed Cash and Jenn Johnson

Verse 1

I love You Lord

Oh Your mercy never fails me

All my days I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head

I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been so so good

With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice

You have led me through the fire

In darkest night You are close like no other

I've known You as a father

I've known You as a friend

I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after it's running after me

Your goodness is running after it's running after me

With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything

Your goodness is running after it's running after me

* Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint 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.

Pastoral Prayer, Quilt Prayer and 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

Time of Commitment

Tithes & Offerings

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
Sanctuary Choir

Mack Wilberg

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.

When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay;
A word of Thy supporting breath Drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days;
O may Thy 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, nor a guest, But like a child at home.

* Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

*** Hymn 802**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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**1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.**

**2 Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

**3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.**

**5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

*** Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

“Prelude in E-flat”
“Song Without Words”

Camille Saint-Saëns (9:30AM)
Felix Mendelssohn (11AM)

The quilt being prayed over in the service is for for Nancy Fraser, in memory of her mother, Naomi Winter Gutt. Please keep Nancy and her family in your prayers.

Participating in Worship

Rev. Dr. Tracey Davenport
Michael King
Andrew Packard
Trenton Hull
Jim McCoy
Jeannine Caldwell
Sally Bohls
Deann Collins
Mark Kinney
Mark Ellis

Pastor, Head of Staff
Director of Music Ministries
Organist/Pianist
Worship Leader
Liturgist
Flute
Oboe
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- *Loving and supporting each other,*
- *Learning and growing together, and*
- *Serving those in need in Plano and the world.*



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