

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Cornerstone* arr. Hayes
Words and music by: Myrin, Morgan, Liljero, and Mote

The Call to Worship

We gather to worship the Good Shepherd,
Who lays his life for his sheep.
We gather to worship Jesus Christ,
Who calls us to lay down our lives for others.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd,
He speaks and we listen for his voice!

The Hymn of Praise *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* 416
(verses 1 & 4)

The Call to Confession 1 John 3:20
God leads us into green pastures and beside still waters and sustains us when we are in trouble. 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.

The Prayer of Confession

O God, you have called us to live, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. You have laid down your life for us and commanded us to lay down our lives for one another. Still, O Lord, we offer empty thoughts and prayers when the world needs our hands and feet. Still, O Lord, we fail to share our lives with the worlds, hiding behind a myth of independence. Forgive us, we pray, and by your forgiveness, raise us to new life in you. O Lord, hear us now as we approach you in the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions. **(Silence)** Lord in your mercy 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!

The Assurance of Pardon 1 John 3:16, 21-22
We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust 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. **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

The Response *He is Lord* CCLI 11070933
He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

The Special Music *Gentle Shepherd* Gaither
CCLI 15609

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The New Testament Reading 1 John 3:16-24

The Gospel Reading John 10:11-18

The Sermon "The Shepherd Guides" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith (From a Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Hymn *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* 172
(verses 1 & 3)

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Prayer of Dedication

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

As We Go
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Gaither

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I Am the Good
Shepherd

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1 John 3:16-24

Good News Translation

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Christ gave his life for us. We too, then, ought to give our lives for others! ¹⁷ If we are rich and see others in need, yet close our hearts against them, how can we claim that we love God? ¹⁸ My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.

¹⁹ This, then, is how we will know that we belong to the truth; this is how we will be confident in God's presence. ²⁰ If our conscience condemns us, we know that God is greater than our conscience and that he knows everything. ²¹ And so, my dear friends, if our conscience does not condemn us, we have courage in God's presence. ²² We receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ What he commands is that we believe in his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as Christ commanded us. ²⁴ Those who obey God's commands live in union with God and God lives in union with them. And because of the Spirit that God has given us we know that God lives in union with us.

John 10:11-18

Good News Translation

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. ¹² When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. ¹⁴⁻¹⁵ I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. ¹⁶ There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become^a one flock with one shepherd.

¹⁷ "The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order that I may receive it back again. ¹⁸ No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father has commanded me to do."

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