

# CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 21, 2024

Revised Common Lectionary Readings  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Year B

[Acts 4:5-12](#) or [Zechariah 10:1-12](#)  
[Psalm 23](#) or [Psalm 80:1-7](#)  
1 John 3:16-24  
[John 10:11-18](#)

## Prelude

## Greeting and Opening Prayer

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**

## Call to Worship

Psalm 23:1; John 10:14-16

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.**

**\*Hymn** (*Sing the Faith Songbook* #2071)

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

## Call to Confession

Psalm 23:1

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."*

**Lord have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the ones most in need. We talk about love, but we fail to do justice. We talk about love, but we fail to be merciful. We talk about love, but we do not walk with humility.**

**Lord have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show your love in us and our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray.**

*(Silent Confession)*

*\*adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion,*

## Assurance, *\*Gloria Patri*, *\*Passing of the Peace*

Psalm 23:2-3

*"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."*

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

*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.*

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

## Time with the Children

## Scripture

[Hebrews 10:18-25](#)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Assembling*  
Rev. Richard Crocker, Guest Preacher

\***Hymn** (*Glory To God Hymnal* #693)

*Though I May Speak*

\***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed  
(ecumenical)

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.

## Call for the Offering

1 John 3:16-18

*"We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?...Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action"*

Please prayerfully consider the time, talent, and resources you have been given, and how they can be offered back to God in love and service. If this includes making a financial offering to the church, you may use our [online giving option](#)

## Offertory

*Alleluia, Love is Alive*

Calvin Choir

## \***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

*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.*

## **In the Life of the Church**

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\***Hymn #122**

*Thine Is the Glory*

\***Benediction and Charge**

\***Congregational Response (Taize)**

*Be Not Afraid*

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

## Postlude

We thank Rev. Richard Crocker for preaching this morning while Pastor Kevin is away. Richard is a retired minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), having most recently served as a college chaplain at Dartmouth.