

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service – April 25, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Year B

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer*

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Jesus, Good Shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: Feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be made whole, and lead us, in our worship and in our lives, that we may be with you. Amen.

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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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
The Presbyterian Hymnal, #464

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.

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(personal confession)

Assurance and 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

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture[1 John 3:16-24](#)**Sermon***More Than a Feeling***Hymn**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love
The Presbyterian Hymnal, #367

Offering and Doxology*

1 John 3:17

"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?"

With love for God and neighbor, let us consider what we have to offer to the Lord. Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how they can be given in love and service to God and others.

Prayer of Dedication*

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love in Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. May these our gifts be a sign and a commitment to our gratitude. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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Announcements**Prayers of the People**

With boldness, let us offer our prayers to our Good Shepherd, the God of goodness and mercy.

We pray for the church in every place. Gather us together and make us one, one in ministry and mission to the world, embodying the love of Jesus Christ.

We pray for our nation, and the nations of the world. For leaders, that they may use their power to help the poor and defend the vulnerable. And for the peoples of this world, that we may do the same.

We pray for our communities. Lord, that the weary may be strengthened, the sick healed, the outcasts welcomed, the afflicted comforted, the comfortable awakened. That all who suffer in body, mind, or soul would know that you walk with them through the dark valleys; restore us to your goodness and mercy.

And for those whose names are known to us – Gail, Barbara, Bob, Walter - Lord we pray for continued healing. And we pray your continued presence of healing, strength, and courage for Anne, and Maria.

We remember to you Miriam, Dot, Val, Chuck, Elaine, and all at the Oak Hill, Chapel Hill, Waterman Lake, Madonna Manor, the Highlands, and Atria assisted living facilities, and all who are separated from family and friends in this time...

Finally, Lord, as we offer a moment of prayer for all those on our hearts and in our minds; and for all those whose names and faces we may never know, but whose needs are fully known to you...Lord especially, we pray for our sisters and brothers of color, who have far too long born the burden of unjust and unloving systems, and the prejudices we carry in our hearts...

Loving God, by the power of your Spirit, help us to keep your commandments and to love one another with the love of Jesus, our Risen Lord; and so we are bold to pray together the prayer he taught us, saying

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Hymn

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
Indelible Grace Hymnbook

Charge and Benediction

1 John 3:18; Psalm 23:6

Beloved of God, let us love in truth and action.

And may the goodness and mercy of our Good Shepherd pursue you, that you may know the love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit all the days of your life.