

April 25, 2021

Before service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

Service for the Worship of God



Our Mission is to be a
community of disciples
with a heart for God
and hands to help others.

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Good Shepherd, you desire to guide all into safety, refreshment and peace. Meet us here today and fill us with your love, that we may look into your world with your loving knowledge, welcome our sisters and brothers with your joy and offer our lives with your generosity as members of your beloved community: in your name we pray, Amen.

PRELUDE: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

by Wm. Bradbury

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Come and see the love God has given to us.

People: Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Leader: Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

ALL: With joy, we come to see the Lord.

SONG – *This Joyful Eastertide*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from the Presbyterian Church of Canada)

God of wisdom, we confess the foolishness of our ways, and our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships – with you and with others. We have gone astray; we feel lost. We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others. We have failed to be generous with the poor, and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice. We feel the sting of our sins, God; have mercy on us. Help us to live more faithfully as your servants. We ask for your guiding hand on our lives. You are the immortal, invisible One; to you be honor and glory forever; amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Merciful and loving God, we thank you for never losing hope for us.

People: When we are lost, you are there on the look-out for us, bringing us back to you like the good shepherd that you are.

Leader: Your word tells us of the joy that awaits us. May this joy flow into our lives each day, and be faithfully reflected into the world around us.

People: Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd. Alleluia! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: John 10:11-18

"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. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Shepherd Me O God*

by Marty Haugen

MESSAGE: *One Flock, One Shepherd*

Responding to the Word

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SONG: *From Cello Concerto*

by Haydn

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Going Forth to Serve

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: (9:00) *Postlude on "Italian Hymn"*
(11:15) *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

arr. Edward Broughton

arr. Fred Bock

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Lauren Cochran, Pastor

Leslie Menconi, Prayers

Dylan Rehm

Darlene Richards

Abby Udelhofen, Reader

Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor