

The Worship of God

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020

We Gather in God's Presence

Prelude

arr. By Cindy Berry

Fairest Lord Jesus
Rev. Suzanne Ringer, piano

As you gather for worship in whatever space you find yourself, center your heart and spirit on God's presence in your life.

Lighting of the Altar Candles

The light symbolizes the presence of God in our worship and in our lives.

Presenting the Cross

The cross symbolizes the grace of God given freely to all people

Greetings

Mrs. Leigh Reynolds

Call to Worship

Mrs. Reynolds

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls our names to come and follow him.

His voice, speaking our names, draws us to him.

We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.

Our hearts rejoice, and we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd.

Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!

Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise!

-- based on John 10:1-10

Hymn 405

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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.*

*We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.*

*Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.*

Children's Time

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hayes and Mrs. Kim Shaw

We Hear God's Word and Pray

Scripture

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 my whole life long.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Suzanne Ringer



We Grow from God's Word

Solo

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Angel Thomason, soprano

Allen Pote

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Hayes

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn of Response 68

HE LEADETH ME

He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought

*He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where're I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!*

Refrain:

*He leadeth, me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.*

*Lord I would place my hand in Thine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, since 'til my God that leadeth me! [Refrain]*

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We Are Sent Forth to Share with Others

Service and Fellowship of the Church

Rev. Dr. Hayes

Benediction

Mrs. Shaw

Postlude

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