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Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE: Jason Palmer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*written by Joanna Harader and posted on **Spacious Faith**.*

In the darkest valley,
at the banquet table;
in the hard work of life,
at the moments of ease;
in our day-to-day reality,
at times set aside—
like this time, now—
for worship, for listening, for paying attention;
with every step we take:
goodness and mercy follow us;
our cups overflow.

OPENING PRAYER

*written by Mary Petrina Boyd, and posted on **Ministry Matters***

Loving Shepherd,
you know our names;
you care for us.
When we face darkness and death,
walk beside us.
When we hunger for your love,
fill us with your presence.
When we are fearful,
feed us at your table.
May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy
all the days of our lives. Amen.

CONFESSION: LIKE A SHEPHERD

*written by Rev Dan Carmichael, Minister of Lenzie Union. It was posted on The Church of Scotland's **Weekly Worship** website.*

Lord, like a shepherd,
You never stop searching for Your people,
Your care for us anticipates our need.
Before we recognized we needed Your grace,
in love, Jesus gave His life for our forgiveness.

We confess that we need Your forgiveness,
we confess our sins:
You are the shepherd and we are Your flock,
but we admit the times we have tried to take Your place

and take control ourselves.
 We admit that we have not always trusted
 Your good news to be good for us.
 At times we have pleaded with You to care for us,
 but we have held back from caring for others
 and ignored the needs of others.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Forgive us in the name of Jesus.
 Loving shepherd,
 teach us by the Holy Spirit to follow You
 in the days and places of the weeks ahead.
 Through Jesus Christ we pray, **Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*posted on the **Presbyterian Church in Canada** website.*

Assurance of Pardon

Merciful and loving God,
 we thank you for never losing hope for us.
 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.
 Your Word tells us of the joy in heaven that awaits us.
 May this joy flow into our lives each day,
 and be faithfully reflected into the world around us.
 Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd.

GATHERING SONG: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*
vs 1 & 3

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord Christ,

**good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

READING: Psalm 23

A reading from Psalm.

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Jeff Greathouse

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Have No Fear, Little Flock* vs 1, 3 & 4

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in

give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
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LITTLE FLOCK
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**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering in our prayers:

Paul (Jacobson), **Donovan** (Antholt), **Vicki** (Wittenberg), **Mimi** (Zinngrabe), **Janet** (Mickelson), **Deanne & Chris** (Schafer), **Kevin & Cathy** (Clark), **Steven** (Leek), **Dan** (Coyhis), **Sasha** (Hill), **Fred & Darlene** (Kirch), **Sandy** (Scott-Cota), **David** (Slamka), **Rusty** (Feld), **Shelby** (Swiggum), **Kayla** (Fleury), **Rich** (Mickelson), **Marlene** (Zeller), **Carl** (Scholz), **Dan** (Reichel), **Tysha** (Osborne), **Gen** (Joyce), **Dale** (Lyndahl), **the family & friends of Art** (Williamson).

OFFERING PRAYER

*written by Mary Petrina Boyd, and posted on **Ministry Matters***

God of love,
you abide with us;
you provide for all our needs
and guide us in your ways.
Out of gratitude for your care,
we bring our gifts before you.
Use them for your work of caring,
that all may feast at the table of abundance,
walk without fear,
and drink deeply
from the cup of compassion. Amen

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Body of Christ Given for you
 The Blood of Christ Shed for you

Please consume your elements

LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us vs 1 & 4



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

BLESSING

*written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on **Mucky Paws***

In the lush pastures of life that hold meeting places with love,
may your feet know the way to find them.

By the still waters of the running stream,
may your hands shape a cup it and drink deep from it.

In the valley of death's shadow that ever threatens,
may your sense of life find the way through.

At the banqueting table set before your enemies,
may your cup be full and overrunning.

Like the anointing oil that runs down your head,
may the blessing that is you spill into the world with eternal promise.

In the way a shepherd's staff warms off lameness from fear,
may trust be your protective companion on the way.

Through each day's living as it unfolds,
may goodness and mercy make their way into every moment.

At the doorway to the house of the Lord of life,
may you recognise your home and your hearth.

And in the song that makes a dwelling-place in your heart,
may its music rise in your soul.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Jason Palmer

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