

Worship Bulletin
April 25, 2021
4th Sunday of Easter

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
All: He lays down his life for his sheep.
One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
All: He knows us, and we belong to him.
One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
All: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

Morning Prayer

*Hymn

How Great Thou Art vs. 1&3

PH-467

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ...

(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)

... in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

*Congregational Response

Glory Be to the Father

PH #579

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from Acts

Acts 4:5-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 10:11-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Following the Good Shepherd

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

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 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

Invitation to the Offering

How does God's love abide in anyone who has goods of the world and sees a brother or sister in need, yet refuses to help? With love for God and neighbor, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offering

*Congregational Response *Doxology*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

We Leave to Serve God

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Song of Hope