

St. John's United Church of Christ
April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Unison Welcome

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

"The peace of Christ be with you"

"And also with you"

Prelude

Call to Worship

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

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.

Musical Meditation

Call to Confession

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

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, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie (spoken rather than sung)

Hymnal Companion C-4

Words of Assurance

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We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Glory Be to the Father #704 (spoken rather than sung)

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 23; John 10:11-18; 1 John 3:16-24

Children's Sermon Diana Kongkeattikul

Anthem "Sing to the Lord" arr. Hal Hopson

Scripture Reading Acts 4:5-12

Sermon Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

Musical Meditation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Our Savior (debts)

Musical Meditation

Invitation to Giving

Commission & Benediction *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

In the name of the good shepherd, love one another. **Amen.**

May the goodness and mercy of God follow you all the days of your life, and, at your life's end, may you dwell in the house of the Lord forever. **Alleluia!**

Postlude

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If you are ill, have a fever, or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, we respectfully ask that you remain at home.

The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross In memory of our parents: LeRoy and Ruth Sensenig and Lester and Genetta Yaukey. Given by: MaryLee and Ray Yaukey

Worship Resources:

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