

First Presbyterian Church
4th Sunday of Easter – May 3, 2020

Prelude

“Alive and Breathing”

Limebear/Maher

Welcome and Announcements

I Come With Joy

507 (PH)

“You will show me the path of life; in your presence is fullness of joy.” (Ps. 16:11)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

Psalm 23

**The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will 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 runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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Prayer of Adoration: Shepherding God, bring us into your fold. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Help us see the way we should go, the way we should live. Help us hear your voice calling our name. Enliven this time of worship, that we may find true life as we join with others, no matter how distant, by the power of your unifying Spirit. Praising your name, celebrating your great goodness, and sharing your love for all people, we come with joy. Amen.

Call to Confession and Prayer

Great and Patient Shepherd, you know how easy it is for us to stray. We wander off so easily. We have not heeded your voice... one that calls us to follow the right paths, beckoning us to lie down, be still, and be restored. Forgive us for rejecting your shepherding care and your love and guidance. Heal our brokenness and our fears. Remind us again that you lead us in gentle paths and by quiet waters – when the paths are stony and the waves tumultuous, help us to remember your protection and your care. Forgive us for doubting your presence in times of trouble. Forgive us our despair in the face of seemingly unrelenting evil and death. In silence we lift up our failures before your unfailing love...

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, who leads us back to the path of life, we are forgiven! Amen!

Prayer of Illumination: Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.

Acts 2:42-47

Luke 24:28-35

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Message

“Then Their Eyes Were Opened”

Rev. Chan Willis

Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles Creed”

Dedication of Our Offerings

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

“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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen”

Psalm 23

Townend

Charge and Benediction

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Postlude

Alive & Breathing

(v. 1) What holds your heart, What stirs your soul, What matters come to mind;
The cares you keep, The thoughts you think, It's not all wasted time,
Seek and you will find

(Chorus) *Joy still comes in the morning, Hope still walks with the hurting;
If you're still alive and breathing, Praise the Lord!
Don't stop dancing and dreaming, There's still good news worth repeating;
So lift your head and keep singing, Praise the Lord!*

(v. 2) The years roll by, We wonder why, We lost our way from home
Our Father finds The child inside We left for growing old
Awake awake awake my soul

(Bridge) Let everything ... Let everything praise the Lord
In the working, in the waiting, Let it praise the Lord;
In the blessing, in the breaking, Come on praise the Lord!
In the dying, the rising, Let it praise the Lord;
Let it praise the Lord... Praise the Lord!

"I Come With Joy"

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
In awe and wonder to recall, His life laid down for me...

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread...

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends...

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His presence always near;
Is in such friendship better known, we see and praise Him here...

Together met, together bound, We'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world we'll live and speak His praise...

The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my Shepherd is Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, A ransomed soul he leadeth;
And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish I have strayed, But in his love He sought me;
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee dear Lord beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Tou spreadest a Table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And oh what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house for ever.

“The 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.

Psalm 23

(v. 1) The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want.

He makes me lie in pastures green; He leads me by the still still waters

His goodness restores my soul

(Chorus) And I will trust in You alone (Repeat)

For Your endless mercy follows me

Your goodness will lead me home

(v. 2) He guides my ways in righteousness

And He anoints my head with oil; And my cup it overflows with joy

I feast on His pure delights.

(v. 3) And though I walk the darkest path,

I will not fear the evil one For You are with me

And Your rod and staff Are the comfort I need to know.