

**4th Sunday of Easter
ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.**

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Seasonal Color: White

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
with "Sheep May Safely Graze"

Bradbury/J.S. Bach/arr. Vicki Tucker Courtney

(Please stand in body or spirit and let us join together in the Call to Worship)

Call to Worship Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

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.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Shepherd God, around whose table we gather, we give you praise. You lead us beside still waters, restoring our souls with your comforting presence. You lead us in paths of righteousness for the sake of Christ Jesus, who died for our salvation. Even though we walk through valleys that threaten us, we fear no evil. We shall dwell in your house all the days of our lives. For that assurance in Christ we give you glory and honor.

Opening Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" GTG #268

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;

Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,

And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,

Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;

No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,

But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways

**From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.**

His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet

Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;

Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;

Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE

Litany of Affirmation:

Brothers and sisters, to us has been sent the message of salvation.

Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!

God raised Jesus from the dead; and for many days Jesus appeared to those who are now witnesses to the resurrection.

Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!

We bring you the good news that what God promised to our fathers and mothers has been fulfilled: Jesus is risen!

Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!

Congregational Response: "Glory to God"

GTG #585

Leader: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Leader: To God be glory forever!

All: To God be glory forever!

Leader: Alleluia, Amen!

All: Alleluia, Amen!

Leader: Alleluia, Amen!

All: Alleluia, Amen!

Leader: Alleluia, Amen!

All: Alleluia, Amen!

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

David N. Childs

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in pastures green.

He leadeth me, the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again.

And me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness,

E'en for His own name's sake.

Within the paths, e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale,

Yet will I fear no ill; for Thou art with me

And Thy rod and staff, Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

Goodness and mercy all my life

Shall follow, shall follow me where e'er I walk.

And in God's house my dwelling place shall be.

Forevermore, my dwelling place shall be.

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Sparks

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43

pg. 128

Sermon: "In Praise of Dorcas"

David Roquemore

Hymn: "For All the Faithful Women"

GTG #324

For all the faithful women who served in days of old,

To you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.

They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.

To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

**We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly
While Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea;
For Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith,
Who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God til death.**

**We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan
while Mary sat in silence to hear the word again.
We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb
And found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.**

Lord hear our praise of Dorcas, who served with the sick and poor.

Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door.

O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise,

That, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Affirmation of Faith:

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for
our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was
raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful
witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living
God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the
end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" GTG # 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

Closing Hymn: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" GTG #182

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;

Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;

I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give

The living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream;

My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;

Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;

And in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

Benediction

Postlude:

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” Tanzanian melody/Bernard Kyamanywa

The angel said to them, “Do not fear.

You look for Jesus who is not here.

See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.

Only the graveclothes are lying there.”

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

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