

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR APRIL 21, 2024

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Marshall Judy

### INTROIT 654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

text: Taize  
Community

## Gathering Around The Word

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Ps. 23:1; John 10:14-16*

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.**

### \*HYMN 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

HOLY MANNA

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*from 1 John 3:20*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

*from 1 John 3:16-24*

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.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*from 1 John 3:16, 21-22*

One: 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.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

*We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.*

### \*RESPONSE 581

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*\*for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

## Listening To the Word

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD *from Ps. 23:3, 6; John 10:16*

### FIRST READING PSALM 23

*(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)*

### ANTHEM 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION

### SECOND READING JOHN 10:11-18

### SERMON "The God of the Verbs" Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

## Responding to the Word

### \*HYMN 187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## SHARING OUR PRAYERS *See prayer concerns list, back page*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *page 35 in hymnal*

## GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM *from 1 John 3:17*

*How does God's love abide in anyone*

*who has the 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.*

## OFFERTORY

### \*THE DOXOLOGY 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *from 1 John 3:16*

## God Sends Us Forth

### \*HYMN 754 *Help Us Accept Each Other* BARONITA

### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

### \*BLESSING

**HYMN 747 *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*** ENVIADO

## POSTLUDE

### Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!

You can scan this QR code with your  
smartphone to fill out our online form.

We would love to get to know you better!



### This Week

**Mon., April 22 @ 5:00pm - Earth Care Team Meeting**

**Wed., April 24 @ 10:30am - Presbyterian Women Bible Study**

**Wed., April 24 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice**

**Thur., April 25 @ 5:30pm - Painting Party**

### Worship Assistants Next Week

**Liturgist.....Nina Wilhelm**

**Ushers.....Jo & Jimmy Salmon**

**Audio.....Mary Beth Waller**

**Video.....Jon Burlew**

**Coffee Plus.....Erin Stephens**

**First Reading—Psalm 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
 he leads me beside still waters;  
 3 he restores my soul.  
 He leads me in right paths  
 for his name's sake.  
 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
 I fear no evil,  
 for you are with me;  
 your rod and your staff,  
 they comfort me.  
 5 You prepare a table before me  
 in the presence of my enemies;  
 you anoint my head with oil;  
 my cup overflows.  
 6 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.

**Second Reading—John 10:11-18**

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

*Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*



**Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing**

Ada and Brooks Pitman, JB's parents; Rollin Bacon, Brenda Wesley's uncle; Tommy Brence; Jane Evans; Georgia Chrisman, Todd Chrisman's mother; Lynn Cain; Ed & Joyce Mick; Barbie Cooper; Autumn Brock's mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

**Current Giving**

	Rec'd month of March	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
<b>Pledged Offering</b>	\$21,100	\$11,985	\$39,578	\$35,956
<b>Non-Pledged</b>	\$4,700	\$3,289	\$14,039	\$9,866

**Blessing Box Attendant**

**This Week**.....Christie Adams  
**Next Week**.....Laura Kamperman

**Assisting in Worship Today**

**Ministers**.....Every Member  
**Liturgist**.....Marshall Judy  
**Ushers**.....John & Lynn Cain  
**Audio**.....Paul Guffey  
**Video**.....Sue Guffey  
**Coffee Plus**.....Brenda Wesley  
**Director of Music**.....Theresa Jean Kibby  
**Piano & Organ**.....Mike Loiacono  
**Interim Pastor**.....Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

**Deacons:**

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Carol Prater
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	Sue Guffey
Marshall Judy	Marci Randall	

**Elders:**

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright
John Wright		

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**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**



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**People of God, Welcome Home!**

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.