

Presbyterian Church of Easton



Our Purpose is
“To live and love like Christ”

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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

WORDS OF GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

“Prelude in B Minor”

Dale Krider

Composed by Cesar Franck.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He lays down his life for his sheep.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He knows us, and we belong to him.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

**Please stand.*

***HYMN**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

PH#387

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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**Please stand.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: 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

All: 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.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: 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.

***GLORIA PATRI**

GG #583

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: 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.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

**Please stand.*

SECOND READING

John 10:11-18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 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.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Choir

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**Please stand.*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN
STANZA 1

"Seek Ye First"

PH #333

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His
Righteousness, And all these things shall be
Added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

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MESSAGE

"When You Have Want"

Psalm 23

Rev. Jeffrey T. Howard

***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.

**Please stand.*

***HYMN**

“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”

PH #170

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
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.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

*Scottish Psalter (CRIMOND), Jesse Irvine, Thomas Pritchard.
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**Please stand.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***DOXOLOGY** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow”* GG #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Music and words by Brain Wren (LASST UNS ERFREUEN).

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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.

**Please stand.*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

Music & words by Thomas Chisholm, William Runyan, (FAITHFULNESS).

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**Please stand.*

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

Dale Krider

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*We welcome and thank our liturgist, Bob Parker, organist, Dale Krider
and our Chancel Choir for leading us this Sunday morning.*

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**Please stand.*