

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 12, 2019

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Chiming of the Hour
Introit “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” Setting by J. Pachelbel
Welcome and Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Choral Call to Worship “He Leadeth Me” B. Harlan

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Andrew Christensen, Liturgist

Leader: Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls our names to come and follow Him!

People: His voice, speaking our names, draws us to Him.

Leader: We follow without fear, for the Shepherd cares for us and protects us.

People: Our hearts rejoice when we know we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd!

Leader: We gather as His flock, to listen for His voice.

People: As we follow our Good Shepherd, let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn #365** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” W.B. Bradbury

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who cares for the flock with great patience and compassion. We confess that we often take your love and grace for granted. Forgive us! We act like sheep that go astray. Forgive our spiritual short-sightedness. We confess that we have not responded to your call with faith, but, as sheep do, have sought after our own ways and interests. We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us and set us free for joyful service to you and to others in Jesus’ precious name, amen.

(We continue in silence...)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear and believe the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***Joyful Response #271** “Fill My Cup, Lord” R. Blanchard

Fill my cup Lord—I lift it up Lord! Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;

Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more— Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: As God in Christ forgives us, let us forgive one another.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ.

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

The Offering
Offertory “Domine Deus, Rex Celestis” Boëly
*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication

Time for Young Disciples

Children 2nd grade or younger may be dismissed to Children’s Church.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: John 10:11-15, 22-30

Anthem “Jesus Messiah” arr. H. Sorenson

Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

Sermon “They Were No Hired Hands!” Dr. Richard T. Gillespie

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (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.**

***Closing Hymn #129** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” J. Newton/F.J. Haydn

***BENEDICTION** “Jesus Messiah” arr. H. Sorenson

***POSTLUDE** “Kyrie” Boëly

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to
the glory of God and in loving memory of*

GoGo and her friends,

the Women of the First Presbyterian Church

by Gail Jennings, Jan & Bob Norris,

Kim & Joe Flowers, and Holly Beard