

## CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Princeton, Kentucky

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

10:45 AM

### Gathering Around the Word

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*"The Lamb"*

Handbell Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 23)

Nancy Taylor

L: Jesus, the Good Shepherd invites us to places of life and growth.

We are refreshed by God's renewing waters.

**P: We have been given all we are and all we can be.**

**God has made a way for us to discover and use our gifts.**

L: Even when we are in pain, are lost, worried, or afraid,

We can be sure God is with us, in us, and for us.

**P: God shows us the right way for us to live.**

**And we are filled with love and joy.**

L: God welcomes us into a community of belonging.

We are able to share in the love of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

**ALL: Our hearts are transformed by God's goodness and mercy.**

**We will live with that Love all our lives and share it with others.**

\*HYMN

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

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### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good Shepherd, we have wandered down the strange paths of our world. We have ventured into places that lead us nowhere instead of places that lead us to your grace and love. We have trusted other voices and turned away from your truth. We have accepted your gifts without any acknowledgement. We have failed to use our overflowing cups to fill the cups of those who need what we could offer. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to your fold once again. Hear our prayers, O Lord, as we come to you in silence.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Friends, believe the good news.

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

## Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Taylor

FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25 (p.984)

Nancy Taylor

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacey Menser

ANTHEM

*"He Shall Feed His Flock"*

Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON

John 10:1-11 (p.872)

Rev. Sharon Murray

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Shepherd's Call"

Rev. Sharon Murray

## Responding to the Word

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (the Apostles' Creed, p.35)

**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.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

#581

\*HYMN

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

Phyllis Herring, Nancy Taylor and Melissa McDaniel

DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN	<i>“Will You Come and Follow Me”</i>	#726
	(verses 1 - 4)	

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #726

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**\*Will those who are able, please stand.**

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Today	30 <sup>th</sup>	Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 10:45 AM Youth Group 5:00 PM
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Choir 3:00 PM Free Clinic 5:00 PM
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Coffee 10:15 AM Morning Worship with Communion 10:45 AM Youth Group 5:00 PM

The youth group will meet today at 5:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, the Children's Choir will sing during worship and recognize choir graduates, Ellie Bailey and McKenna Jones.

Central Presbyterian Church.

Princeton, Kentucky.

John 10:11