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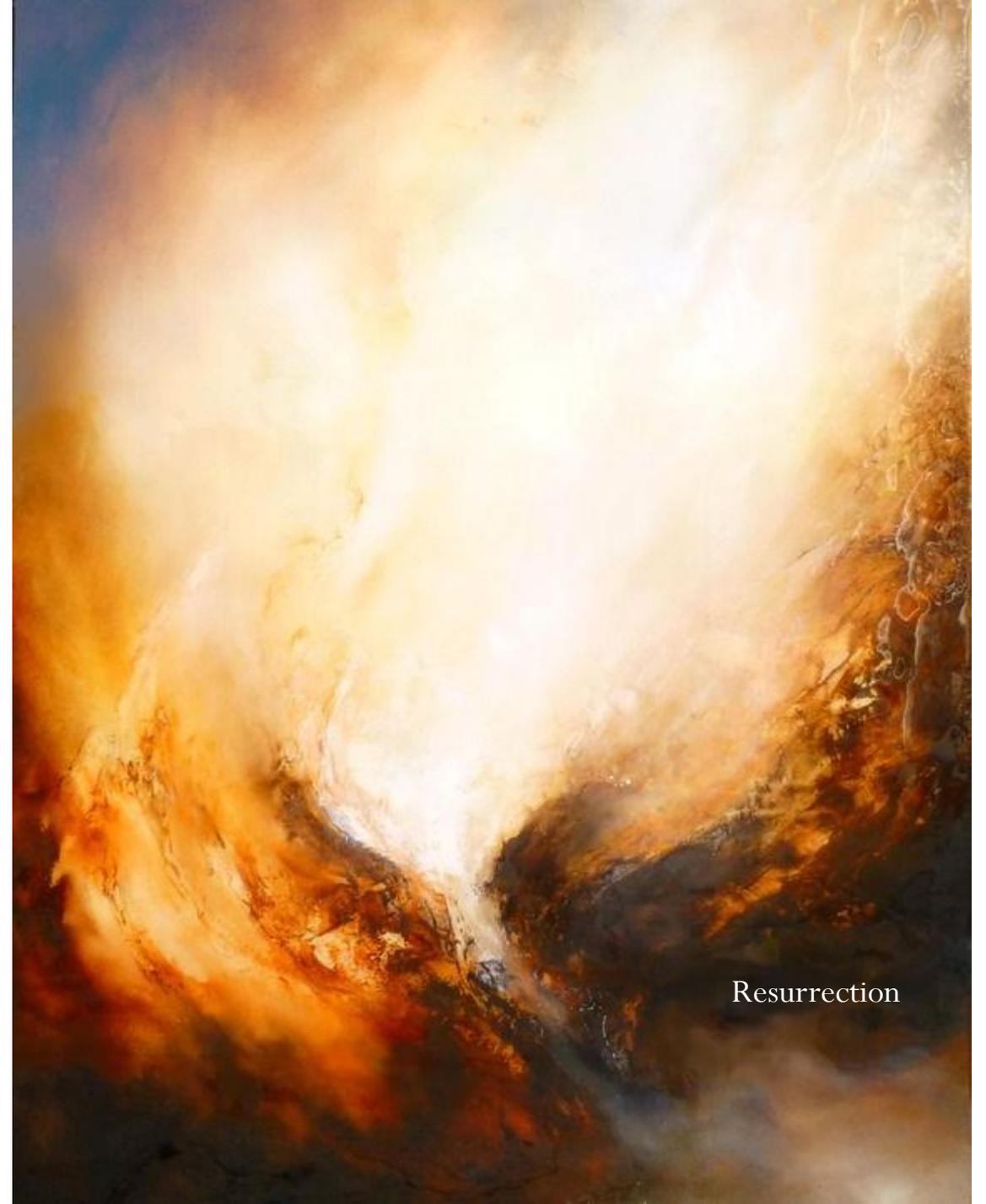
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Sunday, April 22, 2018



Resurrection

# Good Shepherd

Presbyterian Church

*All are welcome to observe passively or to participate actively by reciting the text in color together.*

## Prelude

## Welcome

### Call to Worship (from Psalm 103)

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**All that is within me, praise his holy name!**

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

**He forgives all your sins and crowns you with love and compassion.**

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love!

**As high as the heavens are above the earth, so his unfailing love towers over all who fear him!**

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

**The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.**

Praise the LORD, you his angels and you mighty ones who do his bidding.

**Praise the LORD everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

He is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth!

**He is the Living One. He was dead, and, behold, he is alive forever and ever! And he holds the keys of death and Hades.**

## Prayer of Adoration

### \*Worship in Song

*The Lion and the Lamb  
Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

### Summary of the Law (from Matthew 22)

Jesus said: **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.**

**And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.**

## Confession of Sin

### Assurance of Pardon (from Psalm 130)

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. Put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

### \*Worship in Song

*Come as You Are  
Jesus Loves Me, This I Know (vv. 1 & 4)*

## Prayers of God's People

## Offering

### (Sung) Prayer of Illumination

*Speak, O Lord (v.1)*

*Children ages 3 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade may be excused for Children's Church*

### Sermon: A Community of Peace (pt. 3)

The Straying Sheep and the Seeking Shepherd

Matthew 18:12-14

(p. 823 in pew Bible)

### \*Worship in Song

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

### \*Benediction and Dismissal

This morning's musicians are Don Kinnison (piano), Walt McLauren (guitar & vocals), Jim Meyer (guitar), Sarah Clark (violin) and Elizabeth Albers (drums). Vocalists are Linda Seffens, Kathy Quinn, and Pam Sutherland. The liturgist is Rev. Bruce Clark (M.Div, PhD).

*Earliest Christian worship offered heartfelt prayers that confessed sin, gave thanks & asked God to bless others, including one's own enemies*

*The offering is only for those who call Good Shepherd their church family and for any who desire to give joyfully and generously to the work of God through His church.*

*Overcome by conflicting voices around and within, God's people flee to the often counterintuitive, countercultural wisdom of the Creator, Savior, and Judge of all.*

*We desire to be the same person in the world as in worship. The benediction declares God's blessing over His people to strengthen them to will and to act according to His good purpose in the world.*

*In His infinite Love, the God made us for Himself. In the Call to Worship, the Everlasting God welcomes the weak, the wounded, the wayward—all who are weary of relying on their own wisdom and strength.*

*As the Messiah, Jesus represents his people: they share in his destiny; thus, his triumph over death heralds their own!*

*True to its Jewish roots, the church celebrates the mighty acts of God in prayer and joy-filled song.*

*The highest, most noble act of humanity is not an athletic or academic achievement, much less the acquisition of wealth or "beauty" or status. It is love—treating another according to their true worth.*