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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

## THE CHURCH GATHERS IN WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*"The Lord Is My Shepherd"*

arr. Ether/  
Tench Rogers

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*"Family, We Have Met to Worship"*

*Family, we have met to worship  
and adore the Lord our God.*

*Will you pray with all your power  
while we try to preach the word?*

*All is vain unless the Spirit  
of the holy One comes down.*

*Brethren, pray, and holy manna  
will be showered all around.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Put down your troubles, and rest.

**People: The Good Shepherd is here in our midst.**

Leader: Name your fears and entrust them to God.

**People: The Good Shepherd is here in our midst.**

Leader: Drink from the living waters of peace.

**People: The Good Shepherd is here in our midst.**

**All: Let us worship God, who restores our soul!**

† OPENING PRAYER (from the Liturgy of St. Mark, 2nd century)

**Almighty God, bless your people. Give us your peace, your help, and your love, for we are the sheep of your pasture. Let us be united in your peace - one in the Body, one in the Spirit, and one in the hope of our calling, all through the gift of your endless grace. Amen.**

† HYMN

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

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† CALL TO CONFESSION (from Psalm 51:1)

Let us confess our sin together, confident in God's steadfast love and abundant mercy.

## † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins that we have forgotten. Though you guide us with your word and Spirit, we make our own way. Though you know what we need, we are convinced that we need something else. Though you are always with us, we nurture our fear. Restore us, we pray. Speak your peace into our minds and hearts. In your mercy, give us the strength of purpose to walk the path that you have laid out for us. We pray this in the name of Jesus.

## † SILENT CONFESSION

### † ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from John 10:11, Ps. 23:6)

Leader: Sisters and brothers, hear the good news. The Good Shepherd has laid down his life for the sheep. His goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our life. Believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## † GLORIA PATRI

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# WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (from Psalm 119:105)

Gracious God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Help us to study your way so that we may follow the path that you have blessed. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 10:11-18

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Psalm 23

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### SERMON

*"Your Table Is Ready"*

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

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### † HYMN

*"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"*

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## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACON

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Offertory

*"More Precious"*

### † Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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# THE CHURCH MEETS CHRIST IN THE WORLD

† HYMN                    *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*                    #547

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                    *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”*                    arr. Robert Hobby

† All those who are able, please stand.

**Worship Assistant: Mark Poole**

**Ushers: Dave and Kathy Morrison, John and Joanne Rose**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 64

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## COMMUNITY CORNER

**WELCOME AND MEMBERSHIP:** Welcome to worship at Orange Park Presbyterian Church! If you are a visitor or would like to make a prayer request, we invite you to fill out a Connect Card and place it in the offering Plate. If you would like to find out more about being baptized or becoming a member of the church, please see Pastor Sandra.

**CHURCH NEWSLETTER:** We send out a short newsletter every week that includes the bulletin for Sunday and other updates about church life. If you are not receiving the news and would like to be on the list, please note that on a Connect Card and provide your e-mail address.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** On Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., the Adult Forum meets in The Gathering Place, Room 3, using “Pray” from “Follow Me” curriculum (Dean and Laura Wilson, 904-588-4979 or 904-710-7847). Travelers’ Class meets in The Gathering Place, Room 4, and is continuing its study of: “Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World” (Cathy Sanders, 904-655-8740). The Seekers meet in the church office library and are using “Wisdom” from the “Being Reformed” curriculum of the PC(USA) (Ricky Kirby, 904-705-7804). Curriculum is available from each class leader.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** The Choir will meet in the “Gathering Place” for rehearsal on May 1.

**DEACON INSTALLATION TODAY:** Today we will complete the installation of our deacons, as Debbie Mueller (who was traveling last week) responds to the constitutional questions.

**PENTECOST OF SERVICE:** On May 19, we will celebrate Pentecost with worship and service. We will be preparing “New Beginnings Baskets” for Beyond90, an organization that bridges the gap to self-sufficiency by providing support services, mental health, skills building classes and housing to refugees in our community. On April 28, representatives from Beyond90 will join us as we share more information about how everyone can participate.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 15-19:** Volunteers, parents and grandparents are invited to SAVE THE DATE for VBS, which will be held in partnership with St. Giles Presbyterian Church (Blanding Blvd.), at their campus. This summer’s program is called “Camp Firelight.” Please see Laura Wilson (904-710-7847) for more details.

**BULLETIN COVER IMAGE:** “Young Shepherdess” is the work of a French painter named Victor Charles Thirion (1833-1878). Thirion often painted rustic and sentimental peasant subjects, a genre popular in the late 1800s. He was also an accomplished engraver. When the Franco Prussian War broke out, Thirion joined the French Army. Wounded and ill, Thirion returned to painting a year later. He died in 1878 at the age of 45.