

Heritage Presbyterian Church

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

As We Prepare for Worship

Today, we confess that our greatest need is for a shepherd. And the lesson we have yet to learn is how to be your sheep.

~ Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church

Prelude “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Irish tune arr. Keil

Gathering Words – *from Psalm 100*

Together, we make a joyful noise to the Lord. We worship the Lord with gladness and come into God's presence with singing.

The Lord is God. The Lord that made us. We belong to God.

We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

We enter God's gates with thanksgiving and courts with praise. We give thanks to bless God's name. For the Lord is good! God's steadfast love endures forever.

Christ has died! Christ has risen!

Christ will come again!

Gathering Song #233 “The Day of Resurrection!”
(The music is printed on page 12 of the bulletin.)

Call to Prayer

Again and again, we return to the Lord in confession. We do this not because God's grace isn't sufficient but because we see ourselves honestly in the light of that grace. Let us come before our Risen Lord with confidence in the resurrection as well as the humility to know we are in need of it.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

– *from Isaiah 40 and Psalm 23*

O Lord, you are our shepherd, but we do not like being sheep. Yes, we love the tender words of compassion you speak over us. We enjoy walking on the roads you have made straight and the ground you have made level.

It is easy for us to forget that on our own, we become lost in the valley or stranded on the mountain.

You are generous in displaying your glory in our lives, but we allow ourselves to become numb to your majesty. We deny your strength and the power of your word.

We convince ourselves that we do not need your protection. The grass may wither and the flower fade, but we are sure we can endure on our own.

No, we don't want to believe we are sheep. However, this means we also deny that you are our shepherd.

And in doing so, we find that we want for much.

silence

Lord, we want you to be our shepherd.

We want to be your sheep.

Feed us on the truth of your holy word.

Gather us once again in your arms.

Carry us close to your heart.

For the Lord is our shepherd, and we are your sheep.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – *from Isaiah 40:1; Psalm 23:1*

Hear the words of our God: Comfort, comfort my people! Hear my tender words. I have heard your cry and the penalty has been paid. I am your shepherd, and you shall not want.

In the name of Jesus our Good Shepherd, we are forgiven!

Our Response #238 “Thine Is the Glory” *verse 2*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting;

Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou e'er death hast one.

The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination –*from Isaiah 40:7-8*

The word of God stands forever. Holy Spirit, reveal to us today
the glory of the Lord. Let it not wither and fade but grow and
live within us. Amen.

A Reading from the Prophets Isaiah 40:1-11 (NRSV)

- 1 Comfort, O comfort my people,
 says your God.
- 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
 and cry to her
 that she has served her term,
 that her penalty is paid,
 that she has received from the LORD’S hand
 double for all her sins.
- 3 A voice cries out:
 “*In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,*

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
4 Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
5 Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

6 A voice says, “Cry out!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
7 The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
8 The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.
9 Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”
10 See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Psalms Psalm 23 (RSV)

23 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 paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil;

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff,

they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

thou anointest 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

for ever.

Message “The Lord Is My Shepherd” Rev. Michelle Henrichs

Sung Response #811 “Make Your Face to Shine”

(The music is printed on page 13 of the bulletin.)

Prayer

This prayer was written by Rev. Kara Root, pastor at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis in anticipation of the jury deliberation and then-forthcoming verdict in the trial of George Floyd's death.

Jesus, who was misunderstood, maligned and murdered, you were there as George Floyd breathed his last. You are there with the jurors now. You are with us all as we wait. Jesus, who wept in anguish, hear our sorrow and grief. Jesus, who turned over tables, see our anger and rage. Jesus, who shared our life

and bore our death, feel our worry, exhaustion, shame and despair. No verdict can give George Floyd back his life, and no finding can absolve us of his death.

silence

We pray for justice.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God, your justice is not punishment or excuses, but setting right all that is wrong.

Use this moment, Lord, to bring your justice.

Give us humility to learn from our past, courage to engage the present, and resolve to participate with you in creating a world where all your children have what they need and none are overlooked or undervalued. God, your justice comes both through us and despite us. May it come through us.

silence

We pray for peace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God, your peace is not the absence of conflict or the silencing of pain or anger, but the tangible harmony of our interdependence.

Use this moment, Lord, to bring your peace.

Turn us toward our essential belonging to you and each other, belonging that comes from you and cannot be removed by us. Increase our reverence for each other, for it is in one another that Christ meets us. God, your peace comes both through us and despite us. May it come through us.

silence

We pray for healing.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God, your healing does not return things to how they were, it brings things into how they are meant to be.

Use this moment, Lord, to bring your healing.

For the courage of the witnesses, we give you thanks. For the witness of the courageous, we give you thanks. For all those through whom your healing comes: the flower planters and soul tenders, the music makers and speech givers, the heart holders and art creators, the place-sharers and poem weavers, the child raisers and story cherishers, and for the neighbors who will continue to neighbor one another – long after this trial ends, and the cameras pack up, and the media go home – we give you thanks, O God. God, your healing comes both through us and despite us. May it come through us.

silence

We pray for love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The nation waits for a verdict, but the verdict has already been rendered: We walk by fear and not by love. We allow injustice, brokenness and despair to rule us. And this world is made in love, claimed for love and moving toward love. The Holy Spirit's work of healing is relentless and cannot be stopped. God's justice and peace prevail.

So as those who cry out and join in, we wait. God's love comes both through and despite us. May it come through us.

We believe. O Lord, help our unbelief.

Amen.

God's Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks

Call to Offering – *with Isaiah 40:12*

It could be that it is the Lord that calls us to make an offering, but I don't think that's right. The call to offering comes from within us – a soul-generated response to the love of our

God-Shepherd who feeds us, gathers us, and carries us close.
How has the Lord been a shepherd to you? What does your soul
call you to give?

Offertory “Be Still and Know that I Am God” Scott Oyer

Doxology #240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (*ref., vs. 4, ref.*)
(*The music is printed on page 14 of the bulletin.*)

Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

**Jesus our Risen Lord, although we often receive your
grace as a matter of fact, in this moment our souls
respond with thanksgiving. We make our offerings to you
with joy and pray that they would lead others to join your
flock. Amen.**

God Goes with Us into the World

Sending Song #187 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”
(*The music is printed on page 15 of the bulletin.*)

Benediction

Postlude “Go Ye!” Ben Logan



**Today and This Week at Heritage
4th Sunday of Easter**

10:00 a.m. Virtual Worship Rev. Michelle Henrich
Liturgist Kathy Kozicki

11:00 a.m. Fellowship via Zoom

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Worship Council via Zoom

Wednesday

3:00 p.m. Prayer and Meditation via Zoom

Our Ongoing Prayer List

Karen Anderson, Roxanne Lawrence, Jean Ripple, Pat Zebrick,
and Jane Arloszynski's brother Earl Duckwall

Birthdays

April 25

Dan Fellows

May 1

Jack Henrichs

Announcements

Important News from Heritage

While Tudor Oaks is closed to outside visitors, we will still be worshipping. Pastor Michelle will prepare a video worship service that will be available on our website:

(<https://www.heritagechurchmuskego.com>) by 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. Even if we can't be together in person, we can still be together in Spirit.

If you have any questions or are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Michelle (mahenrichs@gmail.com).

*Link for Wednesday Prayer and Meditation
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m.*

Join Zoom Meeting

[Wednesday Prayer and Meditation](#)

Join Zoom Meeting (Wednesday Prayer and Meditation)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86596795205?pwd=eDZ5Q1hiS3BtR0ZXdWtSVnI3Vncvdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 9679 5205

Passcode: 344339

Link for Coffee Hour

Here is the Coffee Hour link:

[Coffee Hour](#)

Join Coffee Hour Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85794374285?pwd=aW5HR0p0UmpQaVNhU2hUTXZZU05OZz09>

Meeting ID: 857 9437 4285

Passcode: 843679

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“The Day of Resurrection”

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“Thine Is the Glory”

Text: Edmond Louis Budry, 1884; trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.

Music: George Frederick Handel, 1748

“Make Your Face to Shine”

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“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

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“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Text: Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young*, 1836, alt.

Music: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859, alt.

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

Make Your Face to Shine 811

Haz resplandecer tu rostro

(Psalm 31)



Make your face to shine up - on your ³ ser - vant, and
Haz res - plan - de - cer tu ros-tro so-bre tu sier - vo(a); †



in your lov - ing-kind - ness ³ save me. Make your
¡sál - va - me por tu mi-se - ri - cor - dial! Haz res -



save me. But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord.
cor - dial! † Mas yo en ti, Jeho - vá, con - fí - o;



I have said, "You are my God. My times are in your
dí - go: "¡Tú e - res mi Dios. † En tu ma - no es - tán mis



hand, O God. You de - liv - er me."
tiem - pos! Tú e - res mi Dios".

Please sing refrain, verse 4, refrain.

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le-

Fine
al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

- 1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B *to Refrain*
He is the King of cre - a - tion.

Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.



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