

May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**You are invited to stand as you are able and willing.*

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." -Psalm 23

Prelude "Mother Beloved" by Daniel A. Lord S.J.

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Come and worship!

P: We are here, with God's spirit among us.

L: God reveals God's self to us today:

P: As the Good Shepherd, giver of rest and comfort.

L: As the Holy Lamb, worthy of our eternal praise;

P: As the giver of new life, and new hope.

L: We are here, with God's Spirit among us

We worship you, Holy Trinity

All: Let us worship always and ever!

***Opening Hymn:** "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" UMH# 357

Opening Prayer (In unison)

Loving Shepherd amid sorrow and loss, you wipe away every tear from our eyes. May the wonders of your love reach down to us this day. As Peter raised Tabitha from the dead, raise us also to new life. Help us cling no longer to the darkness threatening to overcome our world, that we may reside in the glory of the Lamb. Wake us from the slumber that numbs our spirit, even as you nourish us in the strength of our spirit. May the world see the shepherd living in us, and may we come to dwell in your pastures, which remain ever green. Amen.

Prayers of the Christ's Church for Others and Ourselves

(Sharing Our Joys and Concerns)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Children's Time

"Jesus Loves Me"

UMH#191

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem "M-O-T-H-E-R" Lyrics by Howard Johnson, Melody by Theodore Morse

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 23

New Testament Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17

Message:

Pastor Fern Blair Hart

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn:** "Now Thank We All Our God"

UMH #102

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgiving God, we speak these words and sing these songs of faith with a confidence we do not always have. We remember times when you answered our prayers, and we remember times when we felt alone, wondering if you even heard us. We know what it is to feel sick in spirit, to follow our own inclinations and wander far away. We are the every ones that Jesus came to find and help. So we put ourselves in your hands, you who make all things whole. God, the giver of life, Jesus our savior and brother, and the Spirit that carried Jesus' breath back to God upon his death; we rest secure in your mighty love. Amen.

+Exchange of Signs of the Peace of the Risen Christ

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts to the Glory of God

Offertory

"Prelude #7"

by Fredric Chopin

+Doxology

"Glory Be To the Father"

Prayer of Dedication (In unison)

Loving Shepherd, we thank you for your tender care. Everything we have come from the goodness of your love. Receive the gifts we return to you now, that sheep in other flocks may come to know you and discover that you are the one who lays down your life for the flock. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

****Sending Hymn:*** *"Here I Am, Lord"* *UMH # 593*

Benediction

Postlude *"Scheherazade"* *by Rimsky Korsakoff*

Lections for May 15, 2022: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

There will be no coffee hour this morning, coffee hour fellowship will resume next Sunday!

A note from Nancy & Jim:

I can't tell you how much we appreciate everything you did to create such a wonderful celebration service for Dad. It was absolutely perfect in every way and we could feel with certainty mom and dad's spirits smiling down at us in joy and love. The music was perfect, and Joanne's beautiful solo will stay in our hearts always.

Please share this with everyone who helped as I don't have all the email addresses.

It is truly heartwarming to know we will always have a home at Jesse Lee. We look forward to visiting and would always be happy to host you in Philly! Love, Nancy and Jim

The Color of Compromise

The Council of Churches Raising the B.A.R. (Becoming Anti-Racist) invites you into sacred conversations in a safe space to talk about the history of race and the American Church. Thursdays. Information & to register: ccgb.org/rtb



Jesse Lee now has online giving options. Please go to jesselee.org and click on the donation icon. You can donate once or set up reoccurring donations. If you have any questions please see Andree Halcott.



Semi-Annual Document Shredding

Event Saturday May 14th 8:30am to 12:30pm
Rain or Shine \$15 per box, \$10 per box for seniors.



Have a bike you aren't using Anymore? Golden Hill is looking For donations. Deadline 5/21 Contact Phyllis Machleat at 203-268-8737for details

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