

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2017

The service of worship begins with the prelude. Please be mindful of those who are praying.

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.” 1 John 2:24-25

PRELUDE

The Gift of Love
First Ringers

Hal Hopson

INTROIT

Los Cristales Turbios
RISE Chorale

J. Reese Norris

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN**

No. 81
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table. Save us from weak excuses that keep us apart and give us honesty to face our sins. Grant that in this place of honest prayer, where nothing is hidden from your eyes, we may see how we harm not only ourselves but those who trust and love us. Let there be such sincere and moving penitence among us that lives may be redirected, that evils may be cast aside, that we may break bread together, and, with one voice, praise Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

No. 802

DECLARATION OF PARDON

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

No. 248

***WORDS OF PEACE**

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Peace be with you.

(Please greet your neighbors with words of God's peace.)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty and merciful God, we all know that only one thing will please and honor you: earnest asking for your Spirit, earnest searching for your truth, earnest longing for your help and guidance. We also know that even these can only be your work in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23 Page 501

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 10:1-10 Page 103

SERMON “The Voice of the Shepherd” Dr. Williams

*“When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them,
and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.” John 10:4*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd’s life given for the sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God’s love for us. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God’s reconciling work. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. Mack Wilberg
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*HYMN

No. 506

Tune: COPELAND

Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Communion of the People

Eat the bread individually, symbol of our personal communion with the Lord;

Drink the cup together, symbol of our shared communion with the Lord.

Response *“The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.” Psalm 121:7-8*

Prayer

***HYMN**

No. 187

Tune: BRADBURY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

RISE Chorale

POSTLUDE

Fugue on Austrian Hymn

William McNair

*Congregation please stand.