

Worship of the Lord's Day April 17th, 2016

4th Sunday of Easter

"My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and they follow me."
John 10:27

Gathering Around the WORD Call To Worship/Opening Prayer

(Based on Revelation 7:9, 11 and 12)

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you have gathered us as your people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally.

We lift up our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day in the glorious light of Christ, Amen.

Gering Hymn

#187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

#187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way. Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

#187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
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#187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will. Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

Gathering Around the WORD Call to Confession

God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Gathering Around the WORD Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace, Amen.

Gathering Around the WORD Declaration of Forgiveness

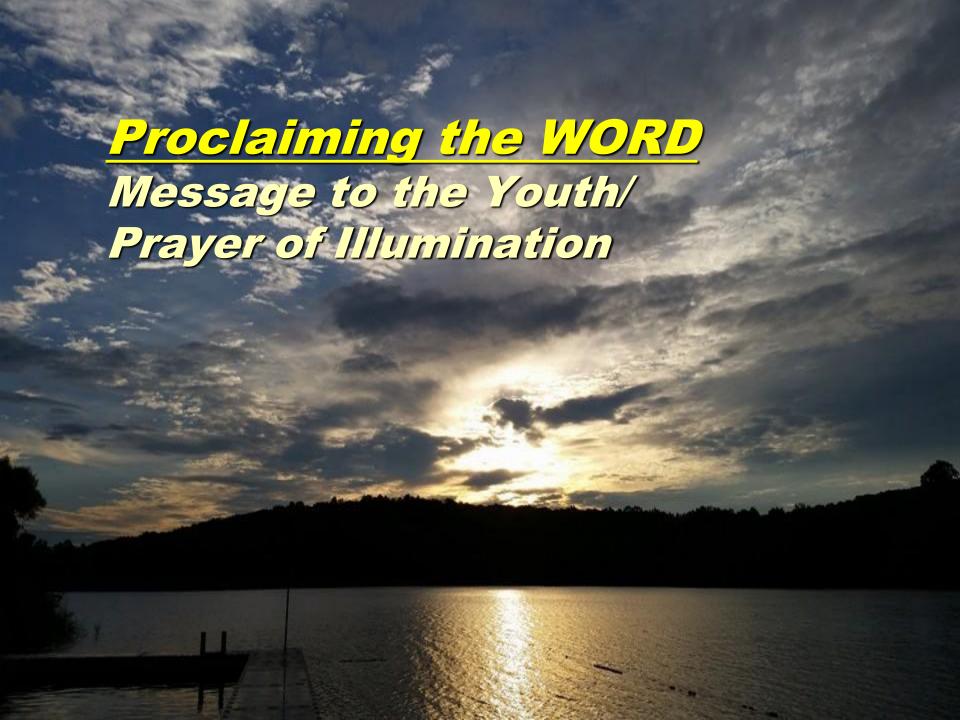
God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ. Thanks be to God, Amen.

Gathering Around the WORD Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

Gathering Around the WORD Passing of the Peace of Christ





Proclaiming the WORD Scripture Reading (Psalm 23) in Unison

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 right paths for His name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valle I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod an your staff-- they comfort me.

Proclaiming the WORD Scripture Reading (Psalm 23)

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me at the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the hou of the LORD my whole life long.

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading (John 10:22-30)

At that time the festival of the Dedication to place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plain ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you d not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

Proclaiming the WORD Scripture Reading (John 10:22-30)

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."



Proclaiming the WORD Follow the Shepherd's Lead (Psalm 23:1-6 and John 10:22-30)

- What does it mean for Jesus to be the Great Shepherd in our lives?
- How have we unconditionally surrendered ourselves to the leading of the Shepherd?
- How do we recognize the Shepherd's voice in the midst of many competing voices in our world today?

Responding Hymn

803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace."

Responding Hymn

803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay; one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.

Responding Hymn

803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

Responding to the WORD An Easter Affirmation of Faith (By Brian Miller)

We believe in God the Father, who created the world, was faithful when we were not, and who continuously seeks to redeem the world.

We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who humbled himself by becoming human and moving into our neighborhood; was sent by the Father to give us life; embodied and taught the righteous love of God; and who, though he knew no sin, became sin and was put to death on a cross.

Responding to the WORD

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We believe that three days later, Jesus Christ was
raised from the dead by the power of God; was
seen in bodily form by his disciples.

We believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus gives us victory over any form of sin and brokenness and allows us to know the full love of God for the world.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who actively works in our lives, giving us grace to be like Jesus, and sends us to show God's love for the world.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

- We will conclude our regular afternoon Bible Study group this
 afternoon, downstairs in the basement. We will be finishing our
 study of a seven-part series on the Seven Days of Glory: Holy
 Week.
- The Women's Group will be meeting over at the Manse (2048 E 14th Street) every Wednesday evening @ 7:30pm. They are currently studying the book of Ruth. They will also be meeting every other Sunday morning before service at 9:30am over at the Manse for prayers and fellowship.
- On this coming Saturday, 4/23, the Women's Group will be hosting a Pot-Luck lunch over at the Manse from 11am-2pm For more information, please see Margaret Lesman or Cara Chin.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Prayer of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven.

Halloweth be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts; as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptations, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever.

Amen.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Offering of our Gifts and our Lives

Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.

And whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

2 Corinthians 9:6



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.





Sending Hymn

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Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.



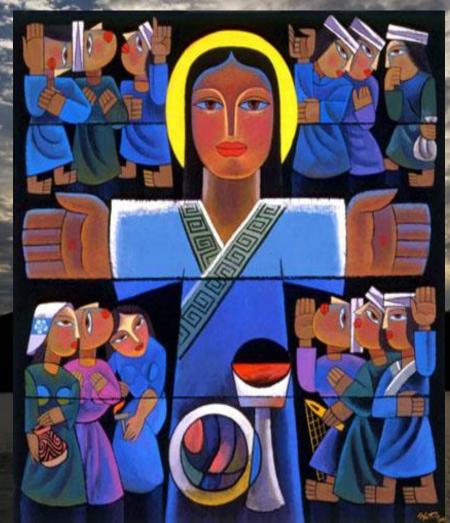
Sending Hymn

#39 ชติรอสร์ ไร Thy Faithitulness

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!









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