



“I am the good shepherd.”
- John 10:11

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

Leader: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:

People: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Leader: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:

People: For thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Leader: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

People: Thou anointest my head with oil. My cup runneth over.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

HYMN #189

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Charles Dickerson

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, you seek us out when we wander from your paths of righteousness and peace. You offer us safety and sanctuary in your love. Yet often we turn away from you, and from each other in times of need. Our pride prevents us from seeking help, and our fear keeps us from reaching out to others. Help us to remember the love with which you hold us, O God, and lead us in compassion for all your children. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Michele Nelson

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Jonathan Chute

ANTHEM *“Listen to the Shepherd”* 3rd service ensemble

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Kathy Platnick

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

DOXOLOGY

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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. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

- John 10:11-18

Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Michele Nelson

SERMON

“Following the Shepherd”

Jonathan Chute

HYMN #381

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Charles Dickerson

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;

In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;

Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us, when we pray.

Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us, when we pray.

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,

With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Althea Waites

3rd service ensemble:

Paula Kuno – guitar/mandolin/vocals, *Teresa James* – piano/flute/vocals

Michael Starr – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals, *Zach Provost* – piano/vocals

Cory Tramontelli – bass/vocals, *Jack Sollecito* – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director
Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director
Rev. Kristin Reksc, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor
Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director
Althea Waites, Organist
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
John Fitzgerald, Treasurer
Nicole Lowery Zakman, Church Business Mgr.
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Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.
Miguel Portillo, Custodian