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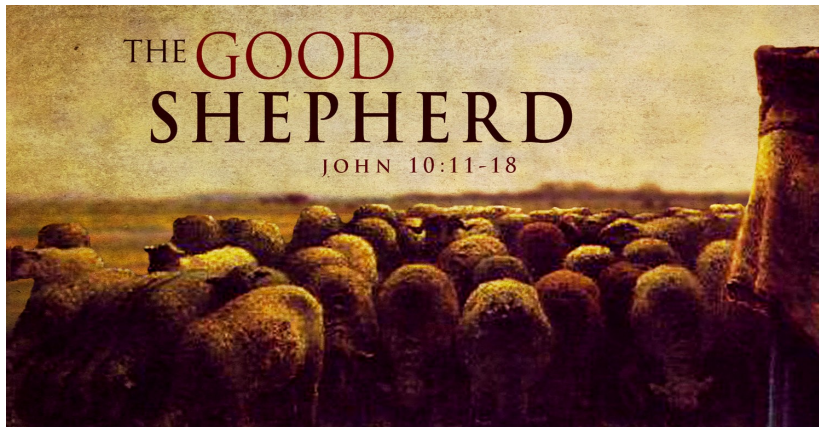
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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

ORGAN PRELUDE ---"Easter Meditation on a Phrase of Tournemire" / William Haller - - - - Dr. Jessica Scott
Acolyte, Audra Skidmore

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.
People: His voice, speaking our names, draws us to him.
Leader: We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.
People: Our hearts rejoice and we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd.
Leader: Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!
People: Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise! AMEN.

INVOCATION: *(unison)*

We are standing at the gate, O loving Shepherd, not sure about the journey. But you have called our names, and in your voice we hear such love and surety. Bring us safely on the journey and strengthen us that we may serve you in all that we do. AMEN.

HYMN -----"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

PSALTER LESSON ----- Psalm 23

Liturgist, Doug Sayers

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

PASTORAL PRAYER ----- Pastor Atkinson

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING----- "Menuetto, Kegelstatt Trio, K. 498" -----W.A. Mozart

*Robert Skidmore, viola; Brett Miller, clarinet;
Dr. Jessica Scott, piano*

GOSPEL LESSON ----- John 10:11-18

Liturgist, Doug Sayers

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

SERMON ----- “The Good Shepherd and His Flock” -----Pastor Michael Atkinson
(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

PRAYER OF INVITATION

HYMN ----- “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE ----- “Look, the Sight Is Glorious” / William Haller -----Dr. Jessica Scott





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