

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

MAY 03, 2020

ALIVE,
CELEBRATING
& SERVING
THE LIVING LORD!

*The mission of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown
is to reflect the loving presence of Christ
as we serve others faithfully, worship God joyfully and share life together
in a diverse and generous community.*

May 03, 2020

4th Sunday in Easter

Lord's Supper

"Love is the master key that opens the gates of happiness, of hatred, of jealousy, and most easily of all, the gate of fear." - Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Sheep May Safely Graze*

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: Do you need a guide?

Many: The Lord is our shepherd.

One: Do you need a doorway to new life?

Many: The Lord is our gate.

One: Do you need rest?

Many: The Lord restores our souls.

One: Do you need care?

Many: The Lord is our shepherd.

All: Come let us worship.

*Hymn 119: *The Strife Is O'er*

VICTORY

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done, The victory of life is won; The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed: Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The three sad days are quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead: All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Lord, by Your wounds on Calvary, From death's dread sting Your servants free, That we may live eternally. Alleluia!

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Good Shepherd, we have wandered down the strange pathways of our world. We have ventured into dead-end streets that looked more inviting than the narrow ways marked out by the signposts of your love. We have trusted other voices and turned away from your truth. We have accepted your gifts without acknowledgment. We have failed to use our overflowing cups to fill the cups of sisters and brothers who need what we could offer. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to your fold.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

†*Congregational Response 579: *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.

†*Sharing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Heidi Mercado-Littles

The First Lesson: Psalm 23

Pages 474-475 NT

Leader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

People: Thanks be to God!

A Time for Children

Anthem: *God Is My Shepherd (Ps. 23)*

Antonin Dvorak

God is my shepherd, I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows, He leadeth me where quiet waters flow! My fainting soul doth he restore, And guideth me in the ways of peace, To glorify his name. And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, My spirit shall not fear, for thou art by me still; Thy rod and staff are with me, And they shall comfort me.

Robert Phillips, baritone

The Second Lesson: John 10:1-10

Rev. Rebecca Segers

Pages 97 NT

Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **THE GATEWAY**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 171: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ST. COLUMBA

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

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

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

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

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.

*Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Prayer After Communion

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 387: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

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 power 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.

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response: #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *Hornpipe*

G.F. Handel



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