

Downtown Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for May 3, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Opening Voluntary

Voluntary on *Resignation*
tune used for "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Wilbur Held

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 23 (KJV)

Jack Henderson

*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 forever*

Hymn

"Christ Is Alive"
Ryan Norris, cantor

Gathering Prayer

*Oh Good Shepherd,
 you call us by name and we know your voice.
But we are sometimes reluctant to come when we are called
 or follow where you lead.
Even when the destination is a green pasture or still waters
 we will wander off toward our own desires.*

*But the table you set before us –
 like today's table of Sacrament –
 is always prepared and waiting;
 always overflowing.*

*The Spirit will always be summoning us –
women and men, in age and youth,
to the heavenly banquet*

*And the Risen Christ, our host, our guest, our meal,
will always be there, waiting for us.
For Christ is alive and brings to us the good news
of justice, joy and love.*

*So, God in community, in this time of worship,
help us to surrender everything within and without that would keep us from
listening only for your voice,
following only where you lead,
and eating and drinking only with you as our guest.
Amen.*

Assurance of God's Grace

*May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Acts 2:42-47 (CEB)

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

Sermon

Rev. Mary Louise McCullough

Special Music “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23)” American Folk melody
Ryan Norris, tenor harm. Gale Grotenhuis, 1986

*My Shepherd, you supply my need, most holy is your name;
in pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake your ways;
you lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When through the shades of death I walk, 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.*

*Your sure provisions gracious God attend me all my days;
oh, may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

— Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

For the Lord's Supper you are invited to use whatever bread and juice (or wine) that you have on hand. As you are comfortable, join Pastor Mike in breaking the bread and blessing the cup. Likewise, share the elements however you choose.

Hymn “Savior, Like A Shepherd, Lead Us”
Ryan Norris, cantor

Benediction

Closing Voluntary *Psalm XIX* – The Heavens Declare the Glory of God Benedetto Marcello

Christ Is Alive!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1995
 MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778
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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



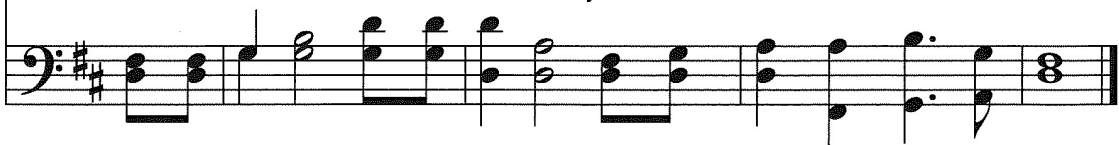
In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.