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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

May 12, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Great Is Thy Faithfulness William Runyon, 1923

Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 108 Christ Is Alive! Truro

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen.**) O Jesus, the Good Shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: Feed us and we shall be satisfied. Heal us and we shall be whole. Lead us that we may forever be with you, the Father and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

An Affirmation of Faith for Easter Season – Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Unison: That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death,

not to myself, but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,

who, at the cost of his own blood, has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;

that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head.

Indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Hymn 170 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want Crimond

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)
Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time for Young Christians

First Lesson Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23 (KJV)

Unison

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.

Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Allen Pote, 1991

The Lord is my shepherd; nothing shall I want.

My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life,

leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.

And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies,

anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and in the house of my God I will live forever. (Ps. 23)

Epistle

Revelation 7:9-17

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 112 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again Christ Ist Erstanden

The congregation sits.

Gospel John 10:22-30

Sermon The Glorious Congregation

Mike Krech

"... and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne ... for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd."

Revelation 7:9a,17a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 172 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Resignation **Apostles' Creed** Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria for Easter Season Refrain of Hymn 122 Judas Maccabeus

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.

Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hilf Gott Dass Mirs Gelinge (O Help Me, Lord, to Praise Thee)

J.S. Bach

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology for Easter Season (to the tune of Hymn 455) Lasst Uns Erfreuen Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 171 The King of Love My Shepherd Is St. Columba **Postlude** Verset de Procession sur l'Adoro Te Léon Boëllmann

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the fourth Sunday of the season of Easter, which extends through the Great Fifty Days from Easter Day to Pentecost (April 21 – June 9, 2019).

This joyful season of the resurrection victory is celebrated in worship through our hymns, the Gloria and Doxology for the season, and an affirmation of faith in place of a prayer of confession.

It has long been common to omit confession of sin during the Easter season as an expression of the absolute victory over sin won for us by the Risen Lord. Today is also Good Shepherd Sunday, as our Psalm, Epistle, Gospel and hymns elaborate.