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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday

**The Bell Calls Us to Worship**

**Prelude**

Brother James' Air

James Macbeth Bain  
arr. Gene Roberson

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 113**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Llanfair

**Easter Greeting**

**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.**)

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**An Affirmation of Faith for Easter**

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.**

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Passing of the Peace** (Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ and then sit for the announcements.)

## Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the Baptismal Font for a  
**Time for Young Christians**

## Prayer for Illumination

### First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

### 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 for ever.

## 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. (from Psalm 23)

## Epistle

1 John 3:16-24

The congregation stands to sing

### Hymn 175

The Lord's My Shepherd, All My Need

Evan

The congregation sits.

## Gospel

John 10:11-18

## Sermon

Knowing the Shepherd Who Knows Us

Mike Krech

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me."

John 10:14

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

In Christ Alone Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Karen Schlichte, soprano

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 God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## Benediction

### Hymn 171

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

The congregation is encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and quickly now if necessary.

## Postlude

Festive Postlude on Llanfair

Albert L. Travis

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the fourth Sunday of the season of Easter, sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday, as the Gospel each year is from John 10, where Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd. We also continue the Great Fifty Days from Easter Day to Pentecost (March 31 – May 19, 2024), celebrating the resurrection victory in worship through hymns, the Gloria and Doxology for the season, and an affirmation of faith in place of a prayer of confession. It has long been customary 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. Another practice in Easter season is reading the first lesson from the Book of Acts. This fifth book of the New Testament, written by Luke, author of the third Gospel, records the spread of faith in the Risen Christ. (JMK)

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!**

“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia! All creation, join to say; Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing, O heaven, and earth reply, Alleluia!  
Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!  
Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!  
Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to You by both be given, Alleluia!  
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.;

Tune: LLANFAIR; Robert Williams, 1817; Harm. David Evans, 1927

### **The Lord’s My Shepherd, All My Need**

The Lord’s my Shepherd, all my need Will surely be supplied;  
By quiet streams and through green fields The Lord will be my guide.  
The Lord revives me, guides my feet On pathways that are right,  
And I shall fear no evil though I walk through darkest night.  
Your rod and staff, they comfort me; In presence of my foes  
You feed me; You anoint my head And my cup overflows.  
Your goodness and Your mercy, Lord, Shall surely follow me,  
And I will dwell in God’s own house For all eternity.

Text: Christopher L. Webber, 1986, alt.

Tune: EVAN; William Henry Havergal, 1846

### **My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name:  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed Beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back When I forsake His ways;  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death 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.

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days;  
O may Your house be my abode, And all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come;  
No more a stranger or a guest, But like a child at home.

Text: Paraphrase of Psalm 23 by Isaac Watts, 1719; alt, 1972;  
Tune: RESIGNATION; Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835;  
Harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986

### **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.

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 spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O 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.

Text: Henry Williams Baker, 1868;  
Tune: ST. COLUMBA; Ancient Irish melody