

4th Sunday of Easter

April 25th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 23

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

One: The Lord is our shepherd.

All: The Lord restores our souls.

One: The Lord leads us in paths of righteousness, for his name's sake.

All: The Lord is always with us, giving us comfort and gracing us with abundance.

One: Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.

All: We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever! Let us worship the Lord!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light
And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain
His own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, when we stray from the path you choose for us, distracted by the greener grass of other pastures and the promise of better days, tempted by the desire to return to the way things used to be and searching for a different way, have mercy on us. Show us the better way; lead us in your righteous footsteps. Send us your spirit to listen to your voice which calls us and to feed on your Word which nourishes us, so that we may live our lives in grateful service to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Our sinfulness has separated us from God. We deserve death.

All: But our God is a God of grace and forgiveness; a God of resurrection and life.

One: I declare to us all, in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Eternal life is ours through the grace of God in Jesus Christ!

✠RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

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**

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

Please refrain from bodily contact and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from other households as we pass the peace this morning.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

1 Kings 17:17-24

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Sing and Be Not Silent

Mary McDonald

Sing to the Lord and be not silent.
Sing to the Lord and glorify!
Sing to the Lord, all ye His children.
Sing to the Lord, O Most High!

Give thanks to Him and be not silent.
Give thanks to Him and magnify!
Sing to the Lord, all ye His children.
Sing to the Lord, O Most High!

Thou hast turned my mourning into dancing;
Thou hast girded me with gladness.
For his anger is but a moment;
His favor endures for a life.

He comes with joy to greet the morning.
He gives us hope for each new day.
Give thanks remembering His Holiness.
Give thanks to him with songs of praise.

Sing to the Lord and be not silent.
Sing to the Lord and glorify!
Sing to the Lord all ye His children.
Sing to the Lord, O Most High!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9:32-43

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TIME FOR REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Vows

✠ Profession of Faith *from* The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Prayer & Welcome

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* LES PETITES SOEURS

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go
You alone are our life and our peace and our love
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant
To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears
For you saved me by giving your body and blood
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant

✠ BENEDECTION AND RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Matt Casey – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Emily McTyre – Media Coordinator

Ushers/Greeters: Bruce Foster, Charles White, Neal Henley

Technicians: Dale Henley (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)