

ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast ~ Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all ye people.**

People: **Serve the Lord with gladness, come into His presence with thanksgiving!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Gracious God, this truly is the day You made and we should rejoice in it. We see Your glory in the growth of new plants, and the budding of old ones. We see Your might and power in the storm and in the calm. Be with us as we worship You with a sense of Awe and reverence. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 35 "*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*" LOBE DEN HERREN

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God. **Let us pray together**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, You know our every thought and deed. There is nothing hidden from You as we try to understand. You have seen our sin and continue to love us, even as we lose our way. Lord forgive our inattention to our fellow humans in need. Forgive us when we hurry past the beggar on the street to seek our own comfort. Teach us Your ways as we strive to grow as faithful followers. (Say – "**Please pray silently,**" and after about 20 seconds, say, **Amen**)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: **Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

You may be seated

A TIME FOR YOUTH It is now time for youth, so would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Open our eyes, Lord, that we may see the truth of Your word presented to us today. Make Your word a word that speaks to the hearts and minds of all who hear it. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 23, from the King James version, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

People: **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

Leader: **He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

People: **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.**

Leader: **Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

People: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Our New Testament Lesson comes from 1 Peter 2:19-25, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 233-234 of the New Testament

1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: “*Shepherd Psalm*” arr. McDonald

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from John 10:1-10, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 103 of the New Testament

John 10:1-10

10“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 724 “*O Jesus, I Have Promised*” ANGEL’S STORY

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

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.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 “*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.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

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

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Father, we thank You for the many gifts we receive from You. Use our gifts for the sharing of Your joy in this world. Amen.

**Our last Hymn today is “*I Come to the Garden Alone*” and it is printed in your bulletin,
*HYMN “*I Come to the Garden Alone*”**

I COME TO THE GARDEN ALONE

Author: C. Austin Miles

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice,
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. Refrain

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling. Refrain

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 611 vs. 3 “*Joyful, Joyful! We Adore Thee*” HYMN TO JOY
Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

Daily Bread

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY – 10:30 AM Tuesday morning group -

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY –

09:45 AM Choir Practice

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Cecil Nash has been suffering with possible allergies

Pat Nash has bronchitis

Nina had surgery on 4 hernias, please pray for a speedy recovery

Jessica Zinn is very sad because her beloved cat died