

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
APRIL 21, 2024**

**Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE Melody Raef

WELCOME Nathan Richards

INTROIT Open Our Eyes Lord

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from A Call to Worship*

Leader: We come to God, our holy shepherd, as we come to a green meadow.

People: God prepares a place for us, and we give glory in God's presence.

Leader: How excellent is this dwelling place under the eyes of God's care.

People: We turn to God in joy. Our good shepherd provides for all our needs.

***SONG OF PRAISE** #464 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *from the Presbyterian Outlook*

Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE** #579 *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 and shall be, world without end. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you...**And also with you.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

COLLECTION FOR 5 CENTS A MEAL

SECONDS FOR STEWARDSHIP

FIRST LESSON *John 10:11-18; Pew Bible p. 872-873*

SECOND LESSON *Psalm 23; Pew Bible p. 435-436*

ANTHEM *Only a God Like You*

SERMON "Truth and Action" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

***SONG OF RESPONSE** #387 *Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22*

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they 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.

WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** #592 *Doxology*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***SONG OF SENDING** #434 *Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Melody Raef