

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ONLINE WORSHIP May 3, 2020



The Shepherd's Voice – He Knows us!

- 1) Start the **ONLINE VIDEO first**, and if you like
- 2) **OPEN today's bulletin** and follow along while listening/watching.

Today in Worship

- If you are reading this you've come to find us online in our new form of worship. One day soon we pray, we will gather again.
- Our prayers are with you during this time of global crisis. We worship today as people of hope and joy. Fear and worry need not, should not, dominate the Christian life because **we have hope and victory in Jesus Christ!**

AS WE GATHER

Thanks to the grace of God working faith in our hearts, we are able to hear the voice of Jesus, our Shepherd. What that would mean, were we to block out competing voices around us, is described in Acts—the members of the Early Church were active in teaching, fellowship, communion, prayers, and works of charity. Their actions spoke volumes, and many others “heard” Christ through them. We all stray, of course, as did the people to whom Peter wrote in today's Epistle. But in His grace, **God calls us back** to return to “the Shepherd and Overseer” of our souls. We gather again to hear His voice today.

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore

**Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones.
You only asked me to follow humbly.**

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
kindly smiling, have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

**You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
But nets and fishes my daily labor.**

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
kindly smiling, have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

**You, who have fished other oceans
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting
My loving friend, as thus You call m**

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
kindly smiling, have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas. (2x)**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 95:1, 7*

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Pastor: For He is our God,

People: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Micah 6*

Pastor: Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking forgiveness and to amend our lives as we follow the Lord.

People: With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Pastor: Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

People: Almighty God, we confess that we are indeed sinful. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may follow where He leads until that time when we, by His grace, come to dwell in Your house forever.

Pastor: God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,

People: grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING *Acts 2:42–47* (The Early Church grows.)

Reader: ⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Jeanette Koch – Family Life Director)

EPISTLE *1 Peter 2:19–25* (You have been healed by your Shepherd’s wounds.)

Reader: ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

People: ²¹ **For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.**

Reader: ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 10:1–10, 27* (The sheep know their Shepherd’s voice.)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I **know them**, and they follow me.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



THE APOSTLES CREED

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

In Christ Alone

(Barbara Hoffmeier, Wayne Gray, Chris Englert)

1) In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2) In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3) There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4) No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand."

MESSAGE – *Pastor Christopher Fairbairn*



Prayer of the Church – (you are welcome to say out loud the common response:
“Hear our prayer.”)

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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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

BENEDICTION

**For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
 2 Timothy 1:7**

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

People: Amen.

711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



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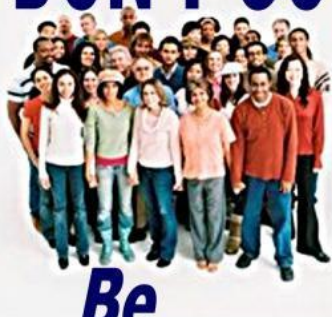
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- Be the Body of Christ 
- Be the Light of the World 
- Be the Bride of Christ 

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SERMON NOTES:



WHERE WE SERVE

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with the kind help of

multiple church family and friends

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