

EASTER

MAY 3, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Voluntary

"Eternal Source of Light Divine"

Handel

Hallie Boh, soprano; Patti Adams, flute; Steven Blackmon, organ

Opening

Good morning and welcome to worship at
St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church on this Third Sunday of Easter
"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Call to Worship (responsive)

Jeff Mazzanti

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

**He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

Prayer of the Day

Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice.
Open the gate for us, that we may come and go freely,
have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

Hymn: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray,

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to-assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

Call to Confession

Michael Jenkins

Jesus knows our name, calls us and offers us abundant life.
God's goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life. Trusting in these sure promises,
we boldly confess our sin to God and with one another.

Confession of Sin

(unison)

**Lord, you are our Shepherd. You seek us when we are lost
and guide us in life-giving ways. Yet, we turn from you
and heed the voices of thieves and bandits.**

**You know us by name, but we refuse to hear your call
and instead go our own way. Forgive us for failing to follow you.**

**Quiet the noise around and within us so that we might better recognize
your word and do your will. Come close, calm our fears, go ahead of us, so that we
might see you clearly, enter by the gate and be saved. Amen. (Silent reflection)**

Assurance of Pardon

Even though we walk through the darkest valley, we need not fear evil.
God is with us. God's rod and staff comforts us. God forgives and transforms us.
Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, we want to hear your voice. We want to know your ways.
We seek now to listen for your word and we pray for the courage
to act upon what the spirit is saying to your church.

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Message for the Children

Dawn Talbot

The Gospel Lesson

John 10:1-10

"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. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

"Hear, Know, Follow"

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

(unison)

**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.**

Gloria Patri

(unison)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be. World without end! Amen.**

Anthem

"Gloria" from C Minor Mass
The Chancel Choir

Mozart

Invitation to Discipleship

If you do not yet have a church home, we hope you will consider becoming a member of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church where the life of faith is lived each day in the midst of a loving community, whether together in the flesh or virtually.

We hope that you will continue to support (in prayer, virtual presence and financially) our church's many ministries which continue during this time of pandemic. Perhaps more than ever, your support is needed.

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours,
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way,
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill,
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.
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*Charge and Blessing**Voluntary*

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Sam Garnett, organ

Walcha