First Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 8, 2022

*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP
PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVITATION TO REST



*GATHERING HYMN #<u>802</u>....."The King of Love" vs. 1,2,4,6

*OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)

We gather together to worship and praise our 'Good Shepherd', who cares so well for us.

The Lord is our Shepherd, and we have all we are ever likely to need.

We gather together to worship and praise our 'Good Shepherd', who safely leads us and give us strength for the journey.

The Lord is our Shepherd,
who allows us to rest and who renews our energy.

We gather together to worship and praise our 'Good Shepherd', who offers us a feast when we are under pressure.

The Lord is our Shepherd,
who's unfailing love is always there waiting for us.

Amen.

KYRIE

(Please join us in the "Kyrie", an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, "Lord, have mercy". The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)
Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)
Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

<u>Kyrie Eleison</u> <u>Christe Eleison</u> Kyrie Eleison

CONFESSION OF NEED (Responsive)

Shepherd of our lives, we are Christians still in need of a savior.

Not because we fear your judgement but because we acknowledge that we never stand on our own.

In you is our strength to stand as the winds of this world try to blow us over.

In you is our foundation, as this world changes and shakes beneath feet.

Therefore, we confess our need for you. Guide us to the still waters. Lead us on the right paths. Walk beside us when we go through our darkest valleys. Help us to remember you are with us even when we do not feel it. Not for our own comfort but that we might always stand for love, peace and justice. We want to follow Your path. We just need your help to do it.

In the name of Christ, the Good Shepherd, we pray. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)

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SILENCE FOR CONFESSION AND RESTING IN GOD'S GRACE

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

The good shepherd lays down in life for his sheep, not because of who they are, but because of his great love. May you know that the God of grace is with you always. Whispering into your life, "Grace and Peace. Grace and Peace".

RESPONSE HYMN #627....."I Love You, Lord"

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you! And Also, with you! Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker's ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.

<u>Amen.</u>

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READINGPsalm 23 (pg 553)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING......Acts 9:36-43 (pg 133)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON The Time I Called (my teacher) Mr. Geller, "Mom"

Rev. Michael Ozaki

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY #187....."Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")

*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever. **Alleluia! Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #<u>726</u>....."Will You Come and Follow Me"

vs. 1 & 5

*DISMISSAL (Responsive)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

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Calendar for this week:

Sunday, May 8, 2022

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Preaching....... Rev. Mike Ozaki
Ushers & Greeters...... Gary & Lori H.
Organist...... George French
Music Director..... Sandy Perkins
Reader..... Marsha Odom



Wednesday, May 11

5 pm Bell Rehearsal

Next Sunday, May 15

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Preaching..... Ruth Sanders

Ushers & Greeters...... Sam & Marley Melbye

Organist......George FrenchMusic Director......Sandy PerkinsReader......Mary Pulkrabek