

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 3, 2020 - 10:45 a.m. - Livestream

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Dale Wood

Greetings

Call to Worship

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

People: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

No. 357

Call to Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen

Silence

Choral Response

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the Good News: All of us, like sheep, have gone astray,

People: but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

Leader: Friends believe the Good News:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

No. 579

First Reading

Psalm 23

Kids Connection (pre-recorded)

Liz Norris

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

Sermon:

“The Shepherd and Guardian of Our Souls”

Dr. Rev. Brent O. Johnston

Affirmation of Faith excerpt from Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong--body and soul, in life and in death--not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. [Amen.]

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

I Can Only Imagine

Mercy Me

Emily Chancellor, Mezzo Soprano

*I can only imagine what it will be like when I walk, by your side
I can only imagine what my eyes will see when you face is before me
I can only imagine*

Chorus: *Surrounded by You glory what will my heart feel*

*Will I dance for you Jesus or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in your presence or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine*

*I can only imagine when that day comes when I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine when all I would do is forever, forever worship You
I can only imagine. Chorus.*

Doxology

No. 592

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

No. 387

Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Postlude

Dialogue sur les grands jeux

Francois Couperin

Worship Leaders

Pastor

Brent Johnston

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Mark Sweeney