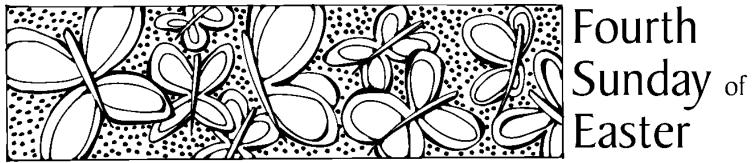




April 21, 2024 11:00 a.m.



PRELUDE

Partita on "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

P. K. Hesterman H. Willan

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

In the Fair Morning Adrienne Sitko, mezzo soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP

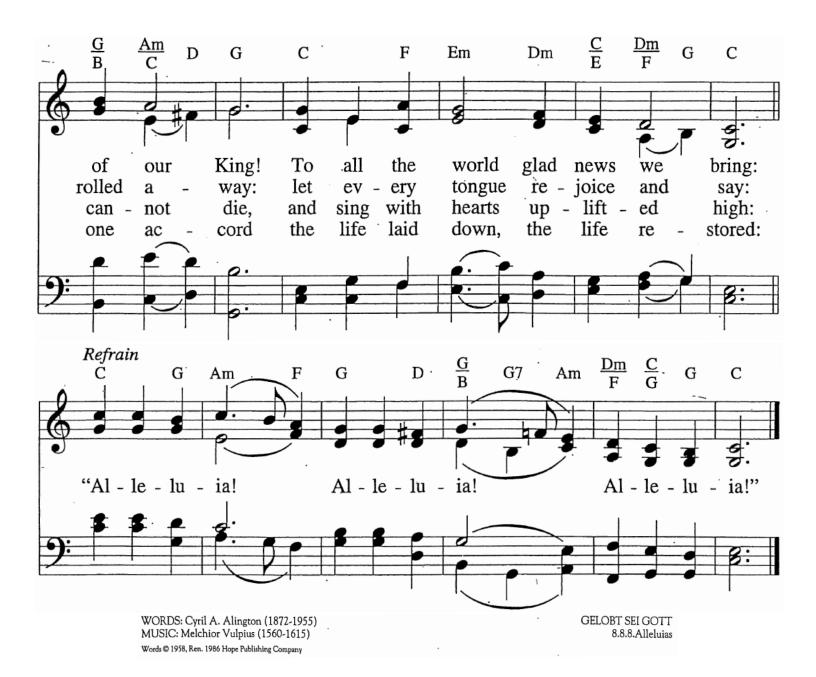
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#307 Good Christians All, Rejoice

G7 Am F Dm G С С С F C G Am Em C 1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph The Lord life risen to - day; death's might-y stone 2 of is is vic - to - ry We praise in that love, that life, which songs of 3 ris - en Lord, and Your name we bless, sing 0 to day with

E. R. Larter

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*INVOCATION AND 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION God, you are our Good Shepherd who hears our cries and comes to our aid. We confess that we have not always followed you in your ways of compassion and care. We often fail to hear your voice and get lost in the noise of our own busyness and selfishness. We confess that we have heard the cries of the poor, the needy, the lonely, and the oppressed, but we have not responded nor sought to comfort them with our presence or with our resources. We have offered "thoughts and prayers" when it was within our power to act. We have turned away in the face of others' pain and chosen our own comfort instead. We confess that we need your help – to hear and follow your voice. We need your Holy Spirit – to empower us for action, so that we may continue to follow in the ways of the Good Shepherd.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23 Page 553, 1st half of the NRSV Bible Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

OFFERING OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Alleluia! The Strife is O're Adrienne Sitko, mezzo soprano

E. R. Larter

RESPONSIVE READING (based on Psalm 23)

All: The Lord is our shepherd, we have all that we need.

One: When life is good and all is well, when our hearts are full and our spirits at rest,

Many: You refresh our souls, we have all that we need.

One: When we are unsure of the path ahead,

afraid of making the wrong choice,

Many: You lead us along good paths, because you yourself are the Way.

One: When life is hard and we feel as if we might break under the pressure of stress, sickness, or suffering,

Many: You comfort us with your presence and fortify us with courage.

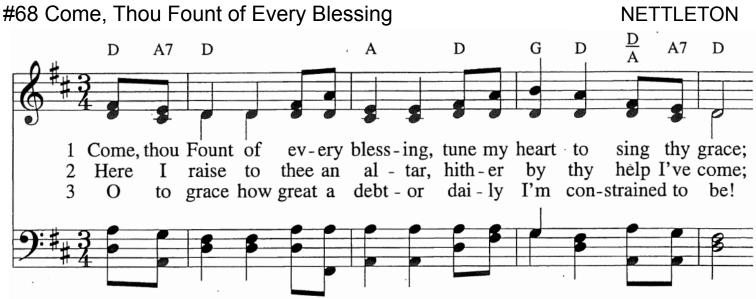
One: When we are threatened by those who would cause us harm,

Many: You feed and nourish us with your goodness and love.

One: When our earthly lives come to an end,

All: We begin anew in the eternal presence of your love. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**





CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION #596 Help Us Accept Each Other

Unison Am7(b5) Gmaj7 G6 A7 Cdim A7 G G G G 1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us; 2 Teach us, Lord, your les - sons, as dai - ly 0 in our life that 3 Let your ac - cept-ance change us, may be moved SO we to - day's en - coun - ters 4 Lord, for with all who are in need. <u>Emsus2</u> Em Cmaj7 D7sus2 D7 Bm Em Bm7 Am7 D D Q0 teach us sis - ter, broth - er, each per em-brace. son to as we strug - gle be hu - man and search for hope and faith. to sit - u - a - tions liv - ing do the truth in love; to in who hun - ger ac - cep-tance, for right - eous - ness and bread, for $\frac{D}{C}$ C#dim7 Emsus2 Em Em(#7) Em7 С Bm7 Am9 Bm7 pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring be - lieve Be us to Teach us all, for peo - ple, for for some, care not just to ac - cept - ance by un - til to prac - tice your we know heart for see - ing, hold - ing we need eyes new hands for on: new

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#440 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY



MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

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***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **People: And also with you.**

*Sung Benediction Alleluia Adrienne Sitko, mezzo soprano

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Toccata

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing Prayers & Leading Worship - Becky Bonham; Prayers of the People - Anne Bellamy; Scripture Reading - Nick Bargeman, Devi Henry; Soloist - Adrienne Sitko, mezzo soprano; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

— FBC Council

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