



Fourth Sunday of Easter

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
E. R. Larter

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#307 Good Christians All, Rejoice
GELOBT SEI GOTT

*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 reflection and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI
R. Goodson
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 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

#68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
NETTLETON

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#596 Help Us Accept Each Other
BECK

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

1 John 3:16-24
Page 260, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

This Joyful Eastertide
J. Feguson

*New Doxology

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#440 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
BRADBURY

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
C. Dyck

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

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

*POSTLUDE

Toccata
S. Vann

*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*