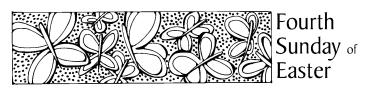


Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

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 Šitko, 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 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

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

#### **OFFERING OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP**

Alleluia! The Strife is O're	E. R. Larter
Adrienne Sitko, mezzo soprano	

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.

RESPONSIVE READING (based on Psalm 23)

**\*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

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# SECOND TESTAMENT READING

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

# SERMON

- **CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS** Offertory J. Feauson
- This Joyful Eastertide

M. Adria

Rev. Jeremy Keay

\*New Doxology 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	C. Dyck
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

R. Goodson

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#### \*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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