

# **MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**9:15 AM - April 21, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**ALIVE! Worship Service**

## INTRODUCTION

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

### In Christ Alone

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Words and Music by  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

**VERSE**

$\text{♩} = 60$        $A\flat$        $E\flat$        $A\flat$        $B\flat$        $E\flat/G$        $A\flat$        $E\flat/G$        $Fm7$        $A\flat/B\flat$

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my  
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

4       $E\flat$        $A\flat$        $E\flat$        $A\flat$        $B\flat$        $E\flat/G$        $A\flat$        $E\flat/G$        $Fm7$        $A\flat/B\flat$

song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fier - est drought and  
 babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to  
 slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a -  
 me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

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E $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G B $\flat$ sus B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$  Cm7

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12

B $\flat$ sus B $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G Fm7 A $\flat$ /B $\flat$  E $\flat$

cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.  
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

**INSTRUMENTAL**

B $\flat$ m7 Fm7 E $\flat$  E $\flat$ sus E $\flat$

# Spirit Song

Words and Music by  
John Wimber

$\text{♩} = 90$  VERSE

D A/E D/F# G A<sup>7</sup> F#m<sup>7</sup>



1. Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with His Spir - it and His  
2. Oh, come and sing this song with glad - ness as your hearts are filled with

4 Bm Em<sup>7</sup> A G/A A D



love; Let Him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.  
joy; Lift your hands in sweet sur - ren - der to His name.

8 A/E D/F# G A<sup>7</sup> F#m<sup>7</sup>



Oh, let Him have those things that hold you, and His Spir - it, like a  
Oh, give Him all your tears and sad - ness, give Him all your years of

12 Bm Em<sup>7</sup> A G/A A<sup>7</sup> D



dove, will de - scend up - on your life and make you whole. \_\_\_\_\_  
pain, and you'll en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name. \_\_\_\_\_

CHORUS

17 G A<sup>7</sup>/G F#m<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> A



Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your

23 D G A<sup>7</sup>/G F#m<sup>7</sup>



lambs. \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, oh Je -

28 Bm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> A A<sup>7</sup> G/A D



-sus, come and fill Your lambs.

*Come, let us worship and bow down*

D G<sup>2</sup> G/B D/A A<sup>7</sup>/G D/F#

Come, let us wor - ship and bow down; let us

G Em<sup>7</sup> G/B A

kneel be - fore the Lord, our God, our mak - er.

D G<sup>2</sup> G/B D/A A<sup>7</sup>/G D/F#

Come, let us wor - ship and bow down; let us

G Em<sup>7</sup> G/B A

kneel be - fore the Lord, our God, our mak - er. For

G D/F# Em<sup>7</sup> D/F# G D/F# G

he is our God, and we are the peo - ple of his

G/A G A

pas - ture, and the sheep of his

D Bm<sup>7</sup> D/A G A D

hand, and the sheep of his hand.

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS

### KYRIE

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

#### *Majesty*

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty: un - to

Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise.

G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C G<sup>6</sup>/B Am<sup>7</sup> Cm/E<sup>b</sup>

Maj - es - ty, king - dom au - thor - i - ty flows from his

G/D Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup> G C/G G

throne un - to his own; his an - them raise.

Bm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>dim<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup> G

So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus.

G Bm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>dim<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup>/C B

Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the king.

Am<sup>7</sup> D G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C G<sup>6</sup>/B

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty:

Am<sup>7</sup> Cm/E<sup>b</sup> G/D Am<sup>7</sup>

Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied,

D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup> *To repeat* G C/G G *Last time* Em Am<sup>7</sup> Cm/E<sup>b</sup>

King of all kings. kings. Je - sus who

G/D Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup> G C/G G

died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

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**A READING**

1 John 3:16-24

A reading from 1 John.

*Jesus’ death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God’s commandments.*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM HYMN**

*Shepherd Me, Oh God*

Refrain - All    Verse 1 - All    Verse 2 - Women  
Verse 3 - Men    Verse 4 - Choir Solo    Verse 5 - All

*Refrain*  
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from  
death in - to life. life.

to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5    to stanza 4

Leader or All

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I  
2 Gent-ly you raise me and heal my wea-ry soul, you  
3 Though I should wan-der the val-ley of death, I





rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
 lead me by path - ways of righ - teous - ness and truth, my  
 fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
 spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
 rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.



4 You have set me a ban - quet of love in the face of



ha - tred, crown - ing me with love be - yond my pow'r to hold.



5 Sure - ly your kind - ness and mer - cy fol - low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for - ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*



Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

## GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

ANTHEM

*Goodness, Love and Mercy*

Rinehart, Tomlin, & Cash/arr. Angerman

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY**

*Give thanks*



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

***Be bold, be strong***

Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with  
you. Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with  
you. Do not be a - fraid, do not be dis - mayed.  
Walk in faith and vic - to - ry,  
walk in faith and vic - to - ry, walk in faith and vic -  
to - ry, for the Lord your God is with you.

**DISMISSAL  
POSTLUDE**

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

### **First Reading: Acts 4:5-12**

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

### **Psalm 23**

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

***ALIVE! Musicians***

*Gale McLeod, Co-Director*

*Clark Ebener*

*Ricky Lusk*

*Irelou Moye, Co-Director*

*Lyndsey Ebener*

*Ed Redmond*

*Beth Branham*

*David Moye*

*Roxanne Rich*

*Leah Conrad*

*Erin Hall*

*Brett Ebener*

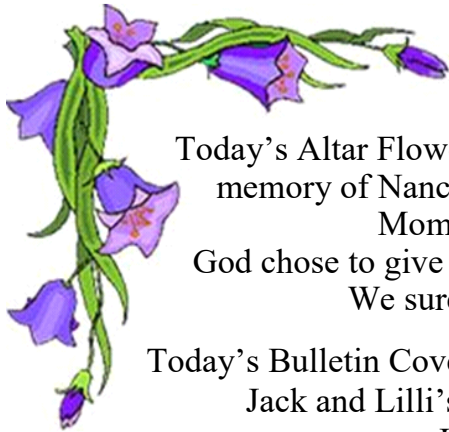
*Vaughn Hall*

***Worship Assistants***

*Lector ..... Whitney Glass*

*Greeter ..... Grace Fuson*

*Ushers ..... Ricky Glass, Ray Conrad*



Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Corley Sharpe on her "Angel Wing" day.

Momma, you were always an Angel.

God chose to give you your Heavenly wings on April 21, 2017.

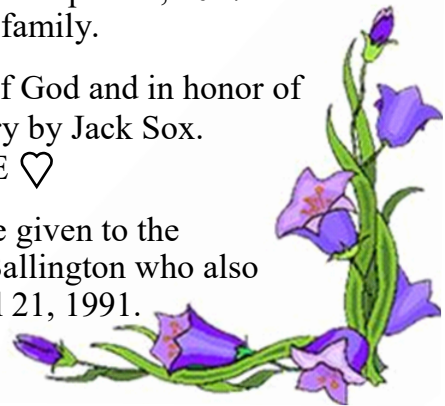
We sure do miss you! Love, your family.

Today's Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jack and Lilli's 27<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Jack Sox.

Lilli you are still THE ONE ♡

Today's Processional Cross Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hub Ballington who also received his "Angel Wings" on April 21, 1991.

You are missed as well!



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**Welcome to Mt. Tabor.** We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

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**Lord Teach Us To Pray:**

*As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week:* DeeDee Horres Mary Boyd, Jamie Cutter, Emily Cutter, Madison Chandler, Derek Monts, Jack Ragley Michael Busbee, Janice West, Larry Davis, John F. Geiger, Jerry Livingston, Susan Stilwell Hanna Monts, Lillian Minor, Wills King.

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Ron Hutto, Bruce Merchant, Ann Crout, Al & Judy Jordan

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Drewby McQuillen, Mary Davis, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Robert Cromer, Dennis Rybicki Jr., Emma Lou Easley, Lib Manus, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Barbara Bradshaw, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise Herman Bouknight, Jane & Gene Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

**Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:**

Chuck Backman, Michelle Roe, Jacob Pittman, Beth Murphy, Sidney Ward, Justin "Cody" Spires, Billy Holton, Barbara Kohr, Jenny Mack, JoAnn Davis, Diana Ruth Henricks, Tommy Cambell, Niko Bosley, Mary Famiglietti, Angela Livingston, Bill Wood, Anne Moye, Isabelle Sundlie, John Bundrick, Katie Blackwell Feaster

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*Our Family and Loved Ones list has been updated to this year's prayer requests.  
Please call the church office if you would like to add someone. Thank you.*  
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**Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:**

Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

**Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:**

Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Caleb Neff

**The Family Of:**

Jean Latimer, Debbie Baxter Brewer

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**Worship Leaders**

*Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation*

*Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music*