

Peace Presbyterian Church, Elkhorn Nebraska

April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Our Vision: Knowing Jesus and Making Him Known

Prelude

Pete Hall

Ringling of the Bell

John Sander

Welcome and Announcements

Cannon Kinchelow

Call to Worship

Cannon Kinchelow

ONE: The Word of life spoke: reminding us not to be afraid.

ALL: The Word of life reached out: to touch us in moments we are almost overwhelmed with uncertainty.

ONE: The Word of life walked out of death's dread tomb:

ALL: through all the days in which we live, so we might walk with hope. Let us worship the Lord.

Opening Song

*Hear Our Praises
Teresa King, Pete Hall, Calvin Thompson*

Scripture

Psalm 23

Cannon Kinchelow

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Prayer of Confession

Cannon Kinchelow

ONE: If our actions mirrored our words, if our hands were mentored by our hearts, if we walked the talk - we would be God's children. But too often, it is our silence, our doubts, our fears which tell others who we truly are. Let us confess to God how we have not been as faithful as we hope, as we pray, saying,

ALL: God of empty tombs, your Apostles spoke with power and clarity of faith, while we remain silent. The Psalmists spoke of trusting in you, while our doubts overwhelm us. Jesus is ready to come and grace us with peace, but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked. God of full hearts: your love can change us from scared people to children of grace. You can weed doubts from our hearts and plant seeds of joy in their place. You can silence the panic of our souls with the peace Jesus offers to each of us. Transform us into Easter people, through the power of our risen Savior.

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

Words of Forgiveness

Cannon Kinchelow

ONE: Amen. What marvelous love, what wondrous grace, what abundant mercy God offers to us! We are God's people; we are God's children! Our lives have been changed by the One who loves us and forgives us. Thanks be to God!
The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Response

Glory Be To the Father

Teresa, Pete, Dave

Scripture

Galatians 5:16-25

Rev. Tom Albaum

Sermon

Life We Are Meant to Live

Rev. Tom Albaum

Prayer Requests

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Prayer

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Offering

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ONE: We invite you to make your offering online or by mailing in your check to our P.O. Box address. Your gifts and offerings support Christ's work through Peace. What will be done with the gifts we offer in these moments has not been revealed to us. But knowing God through Jesus, and trusting in the Lord by the power of the Holy Spirit, we do know:

ALL: they will be used to bring hope, to bring healing, to bring justice to all those people and places who long for these blessings. We offer all our gifts with gratitude to God, always.

The Lord's Prayer

Cannon Kinchelow

ALL: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song

In Heaven's Eyes

Teresa, Pete, Cal

Charge

Cannon Kinchelow

ALL: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Postlude

Pete Hall