

ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Arr. Stan Pethel

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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OPENING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Tune: FAITHFULNESS

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou has been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain: **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(Sing refrain)***

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 23

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.

**And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we do not want to admit that our possessions possess us. Yet, we do seem captive to all the things we have acquired and all the things we want. We are reluctant to share too much, lest we be deprived of the comforts we cherish. We do not want to suffer for our faith. There are limits to our willingness to follow Jesus. O God, help us to trust You beyond these limits.

After a time of personal reflection and prayer Let all God's people say: **Amen**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONDING WITH SONG

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

Caribbean melody

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Soloist: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

When I call them they follow me.

I will lead them to rest by the peaceful streams.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

All sing refrain: **Halle, halle...**

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Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Shepherd Me, O God” Psalm 23

Repeat refrain after the soloist

Sung refrain: **Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
from death into life.**

Spoken: The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.
**He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.** *(All sing refrain)*

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for
his name’s sake.

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff,
they comfort me.** *(All sing refrain)*

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**
(All sing refrain)

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GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Bbbaaaahhh!”

Jim Musgrave

Responding to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Tune: BRADBURY

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**

**We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.**

Thrupp's Hymns for the Young, 1836. Public Domain

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN

"Here, O Our Lord, We See You"

Tune: MORECAMBE

**Here, O our lord, we see you face to face.
Here would we touch and handle things unseen.
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all our weariness upon you lean.**

**Here would we feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with you the royal cup of heaven;
Here would we lay aside each earthly load,
And taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**

Horatius Bonar, 1855. Public Domain

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.

Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after communion

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN

“Here, O Our Lord, We See You”

Tune: MORECAMBE

**Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
Nearer than ever, still our shield and sun.**

Going Forth to Serve

BENEDICTION

HYMN

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

Tune: RANDOLPH

**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.**

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WORDS OF DISMISSAL

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all – now and always. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Church Notes

MEMBERS WISHING TO BLESS RLPC'S MINISTRY FINANCIALLY.

With the fact that we are not coming together for worship, many of you who have generously given to the ministry of RLPC may want to continue your gifts to the church. Please drop your gift in the mailbox at the choir room or send it by mail. A prayer of dedication will be included in the Prayers of the People. Thank you for your support of our missions.

Nurture Time

May 3: Read Acts 2:42-47 The first Christians shared all they had with each other so that nobody was hungry. How do we share our food so that nobody has need? Help plan and prepare a meal for your own family, then take the same ingredients to a local food pantry. Use only ingredients that may be used by the food pantry.

"I am the **good shepherd**. The **good shepherd** lays down his life for the sheep."

John 10:11



Prayer List

To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,
please call the church office (768-4141) or email rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Hilda Alsop's cousin,	Lee Ann Goff	Ruth Pritchard
Bonnie Leslie	Mary Graham	Joy Ratcliff
Kristen, Stephen, and baby	Brad Harkins	Sarah Shaver
Emerson Ash	Addilyn Hardin	Mary Anne Smith
Merrily Bailey	Tre' Hardin	Mike Spurgeon
Niall Bailey	Juanita Hefner	Susan Spurgeon
Sgt. Major Jeff Bibb	Jim Johnson	Gregory Stonestreet
Day Bishop	Mark King	Bill Wagner
Barb Clark	Cheryl Laws	Ella Grace Washington
Dick Clark	Cheryl Morgan	Jo Wilson
Jo Clark	Abby Pauley	
Sue DeWald	Jackie Pauley	

Prayers for our nation and our world through this time of uncertainty due to the Corona virus outbreak. 40,000 deaths a year from gun violence; global climate change; those who are struggling with the aftermath of natural disasters; all those who have lost someone to a drug overdose; all who struggle physically, spiritually, emotionally, financially or in their relationships; freedom and peace throughout the world; refugees and refugee families; all those whose lives are affected by violence wherever it occurs; Friends of Bluestone Camp and conference center's financial challenge.

Prayers for our Military

Brett Baker	Brent Bishop	Evan Chaney
Jeff Barker	Steve Cash	

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers - Cliff Asbury, Kanawha Place; Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Barbara Shriver, Sweetbriar

Prayers for those at home - Reva Asbury, Jeanette Bates, Anne Copper, Bonnie Cheely, Sam Ford, Anita McCormick, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches –Ruffner Memorial Presbyterian, Charleston; South Park Presbyterian Church, Charleston; Kagumo Parish (Kah-GOOM'OH)

