Order of Worship for April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter Hybrid Worship



"The Good Shepherd" by Julien Dupre | from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Statement of Welcome and Inclusion

First Reformed Church of Hastings-on-Hudson is a church for all people, each of us being unique and created in the image of God.

We believe God's unconditional love and grace, as revealed through Jesus Christ, does not distinguish among God's people based on race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, ability, or disability.

All are children of God, and all are welcome with joy in our Sanctuary. We strive to provide an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth.

We Approach God

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Votum, Sentences, and Salutation

Prelude: "Moment Musicaux No. 1" by Franz Schubert Call to Worship (responsive)

One: The God of all shepherds has called us here.

All: We come today, celebrating God's love for us.

One: The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

All: We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.

One: The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

All: We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God.

*Gathering Hymn: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" (#417)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison) from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion* Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie (#572):

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

Summary of the Law of Love

*Gloria Patri (#579):

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, amen.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons Psalm 23 John 10:11-18

Children's Message

Sermon: "Other Sheep"

Trish Waters, pianist from *Ministry Matters*

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (#387)

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father almightv. creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "Moment Musicaux No. 3" by Franz Schubert

*Doxology (#592):

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison) from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion* Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our time of prayer concludes with the 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. Trish Waters, pianist

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.

*Closing Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (#171)

*Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

Those attending in person are invited to the Fraser Room after worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

*Congregants in the sanctuary are invited to rise Bold text is read in unison

Announcements

Thanks to all who are assisting with the service today! Our lector today is Prema Samuel. Freshly baked coffee hour treats are courtesy of Abel Brown.

The next Consistory meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 14, at 6pm.

Our artists in residence, Angelica Women's Chamber Choir, will present their spring concert in the sanctuary of FRC on Saturday, May 11 at 7:30pm. Angelica's Spring program, "A Celtic Journey," features arrangements of traditional Celtic melodies, such as the old Jacobite air "Loch Lomond" and "The Skye Boat Song"; settings of medieval texts by composer Michael McGlynn, including "Nobilis Humilis" from the Orkney Islands, and "Maid in the Moor"; as well as American and Canadian compositions inspired by Celtic immigrants, including Nathaniel Adams arrangement of "Black Is the Color of My True Love's Hair." The suggested donation is \$20; \$10 for students and seniors.

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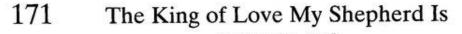


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Alternate tune: SICILIAN MARINERS, 538





5. Thou spreadest a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth; And O what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever.