

Community Presbyterian Church

Sunday, 5/3/20

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Quote/Prayer for Meditation: “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. 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. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.” - 1 Peter 2:23-25 NRSV

Greeting and Passing of the Peace

Announcements: Rev. Chris Scrivens

Prelude: “Commune With Me” - Mark Dearman

Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship:

Almighty God,
you sent Jesus, our good shepherd,
to gather us together.

**May we not wander from his flock,
but follow wherever he leads us,
listening for his voice and staying near him,
until we are safely in your fold,
to live with you forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: #220, "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall;
view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;

learn from him to bear the cross.

3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn from Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb
where they laid his breathless clay:
all is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

Prayer of Confession: Deacon Michelle Scrivens

**Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way
and broken your laws.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you more and more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Lessons:

Hebrew Bible: Psalm 23

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Psalm 23:0-6

“A Psalm of David. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

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.”

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. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

[Sermon: “Finding Pasture”](#)

(Click the title above to be taken to the sermon video)

Hymn: “O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire”

1 O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire,
redemption's only spring!
Creator of the world art thou,
its Savior and its King.

2 How vast the mercy and the love
which laid our sins on thee,
and led thee to a cruel death,
to set thy people free.

3 But now the bands of death are burst,
the ransom has been paid;
and thou art on thy Father's throne,
in glorious robes arrayed.

4 O Christ, be thou our lasting joy,
our ever great reward!
Our only glory may it be
to glory in the Lord.

Responding to the Word

Offertory: [Please visit our secure online giving page to make and offering today.](#)

["Lord You Teach Us to be Humble" Carolyn Gilette, played by the Hontz Family](#)

Prayers of the People

Presbyterian Women Annual Award: Ginger Miller-Jones

Sealing the Word

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy. . .

. . . Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the celestial choirs
and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory
of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of
your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

. . . Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. . .

Sung:

**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.

. . . Creator of all,
just as this broken bread
was first scattered upon the hills, then was gathered and became one,

**so may your church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

**Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal kingdom.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn: #837, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

 Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

Benediction: Rev Chris Scrivens

Postlude: “Amazing Grace” - Lindy Cerby

[Please join us for our Fellowship Time via Zoom!](#)

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