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9:15 AM - April 26, 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

ALIVE! Worship Service

INTRODUCTION

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

Oh, Let the Son of God Enfold You (Spirit Song)

♩ = 90

VERSE

D A/E D/F# G A⁷ F#m⁷



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 Em⁷ 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 A⁷ F#m⁷



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 Em⁷ A G/A A⁷ 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 A⁷/G F#m⁷ Bm⁷ Em⁷ A



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

23 D G A⁷/G F#m⁷



lams. Je - sus, oh Je -

28 Bm⁷ Em⁷ A A⁷ G/A D



-sus, come and fill Your lams.

Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down

D G² G/B D/A A⁷/G D/F#

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

G Em⁷ G/B A

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

D G² G/B D/A A⁷/G D/F#

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

G Em⁷ G/B A

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

G D/F# Em⁷ 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 Bm⁷ D/A G A D

hand, and the sheep of his hand.

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir-it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

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PEACE

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Whether by Blood or Baptism, we are family here. Let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM

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Baptismal candidate:

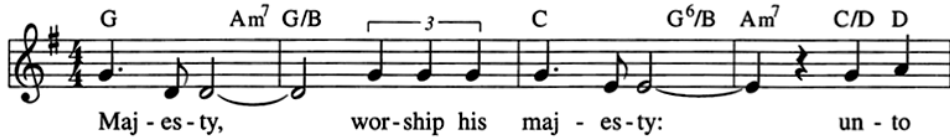
Bennett Lewis Davis

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE

Majesty

G Am⁷ G/B C G⁶/B Am⁷ C/D D



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

G D/F# Em⁷ A⁷ D⁷ sus D⁷



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

G Am⁷ G/B C G⁶/B Am⁷ Cm/Eb



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

G/D Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷ G C/G G



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

Bm⁷ Bbdim⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷ G



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

G Bm⁷ B^bdim⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷/C B

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

Am⁷ D G Am⁷ G/B C G⁶/B

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

Am⁷ Cm/E^b G/D Am⁷

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

D⁷ C/D D⁷ *To repeat* G C/G G *Last time* Em Am⁷ Cm/E^b

King of all kings. kings. Je - sus who

G/D Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷ G C/G G

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

A READING

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from Acts.

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Words and Music by
Stuart Townend

VERSE

J=64

E \flat B \flat sus E \flat A \flat /C

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want. He makes me lie in pas - tures
 2. He guides my ways in right - eous - ness, and He a - noints my head with
 3. And though I walk the dark - est path, I will not fear the e - vil

4 B \flat sus B \flat A \flat B \flat sus B \flat 7 E \flat A \flat /C Fm7 B \flat sus B \flat 7

green. He leads me by the still, still wa - ters, His good - ness re - stores my
 oil; And my cup, it o - ver - flows with joy, I feast on His pure de -
 one; For You are with me, and Your rod and staff are the com - fort I need to

CHORUS

8 E \flat E \flat B \flat sus E \flat A \flat /C

Descant

soul. And I will I will trust, I will trust in You. I will trust, I will
 - lights.
 know.

trust in You a - lone, and I will trust in You a -

12 B \flat sus B \flat A \flat B \flat sus B \flat 7 E \flat A \flat /C Fm7 B \flat sus B \flat 7 E \flat

trust in You. End-less mer - cy fol-lows me, good - ness will lead me home.

- lone; For Your end-less mer - cy fol-lows me, Your good-ness will lead me home.

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

[Jesus said:] ¹“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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

ANTHEM

Oh Death

**Millard, Hulse,
Tjornhom and Hayes**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

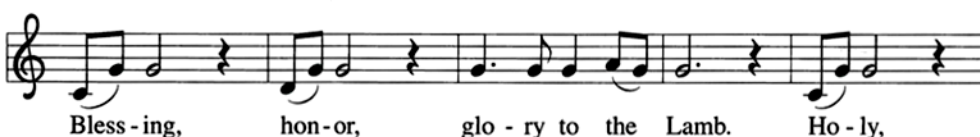
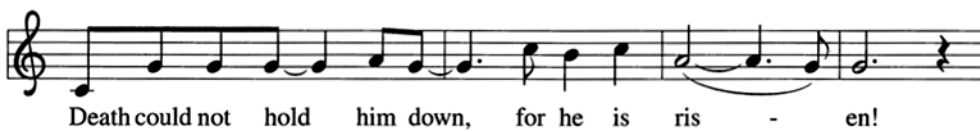
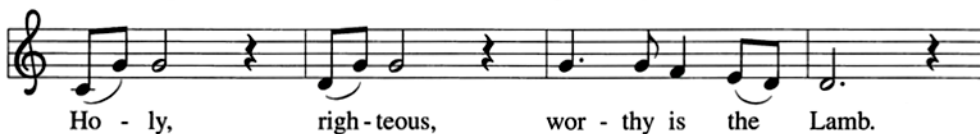
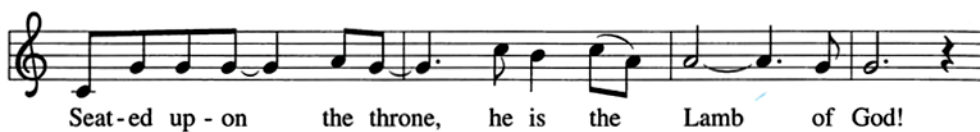
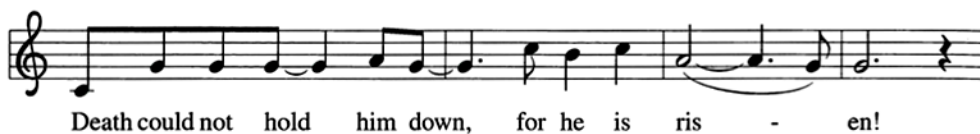
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Blessing, Honor, and Glory



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

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Be Bold, Be Strong

B \flat A \flat^2 E \flat



Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with

B \flat A \flat^2 E \flat



you. Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with

B \flat E \flat F Gm E \flat F Gm



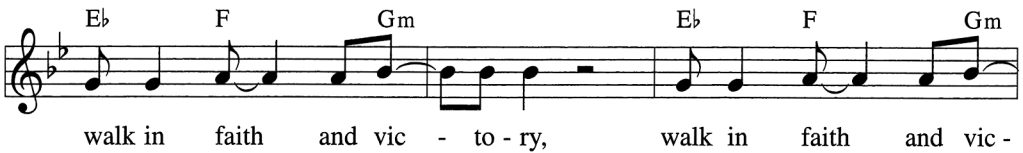
you. Do not be a - fraid, do not be dis - mayed.

E \flat F Gm



Walk in faith and vic - to - ry,

E \flat F Gm E \flat F Gm



walk in faith and vic - to - ry, walk in faith and vic -

F E \flat F Cm/B \flat B \flat



- to - ry, for the Lord your God is with you.

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DISMISSAL
POSTLUDE

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- ² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures 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 good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. 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, having died to 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.

ALIVE! Musicians

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Greeter Grace Fuson

Ushers Lucky & Sue Jones

Acolyte KateLynn Parker

Livestream coordinators Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr



In joyful thanksgiving to God, the altar flowers are given by Johnny and Marie Lewis in honor of the baptism of their grandson, Bennett Lewis Davis. May the Lord bless you and keep you, Bennett, today and always.

To the glory of God and with great appreciation Chris, Jenny and Beau Wright dedicate today's bulletin covers to the leaders and participants of Mt. Tabor's Sing & Celebrate Program. The children's choirs did a phenomenal job this year!

To the glory of God, today's processional cross flowers are given by the Popkowski Family in honor of all the dedicated volunteers and staff that bring the Sing & Celebrate program to life each and every week. Thank you for the love and commitment that you pour into this meaningful children's program!

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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!

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: Richie Moye, Chris Carrion, Daunte Carrion, Paul Addy, Owen Plane, Jennifer Allen, Sara Monts, Terri Vick-Phillips, Mallory Phillips, Lawson Assey, Charles Stearns, Emily Sippel, Garry O'Neal, Caroline Busbee, Beth Waring.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Marshall Neeley, Rachel Bundrick, Rick Moorer, Michael Gayden, Sally Kleber,
James Campbell, Earl Macaulay, Jeanie & Paul Jacobs, Murray Hoskins

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Karen Holton, Sandra Baker, Natalie Cook, Paul & Carolyn Dufries, Pastor Lavaughn Keisler,
John Conrad, Bruce Merchant, Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams,
Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Emma Lou Easley, Paul Addy,
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