



**Fourth Sunday Of Easter
Traditional Service
May 8, 2022**

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Pastorale", Sonata No. 1 in A

Alexander Guilmant

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I am the Good Shepherd, Jesus said;

People: I know my own, and my own know me, says the Lord.

Leader: I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;

People: No one can snatch them out of my hand, Jesus promises.

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***GATHERING HYMN**

#455

All Creatures of Our God and King Verses 1 – 4

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1 All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Please stand if you are able.**

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Thou fertile earth, that day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them God's glory also show!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, we know that Jesus came to us as the Good Shepherd, who knows us and loves us and lays down his life for us as his sheep. Forgive us for wandering away from the one who protects and feeds us; for being distracted by other voices that beckon and losing track of the one who leads us into green pastures and beside still waters. Help us to hear and know and follow Christ's voice, so that we may go where he leads us, and we may help love and care for others who follow, as well.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 10:22-30

Cynthia Simmons

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

"Hearing Voices"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN

#366

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST CATHERINE

1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to Thee,
And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone, I'd live,
Myself to Thee, entirely give.

2 O, grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
O may Thy love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
May every act, word, thought be love.

3 O love, how gracious is thy way!
All fear before thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away,
Where'er Thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
Nothing desire or seek, but Thee.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from 1 Corinthians 15)**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Irish Blessing

Bob Chilcot

Chancel Choir

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be ever at your back
May the sunshine warm upon your face
And the rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May god hold you, may god hold you
Ever in the palm of his hand

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be ever at your back
May the sunshine warm upon your face
And the rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May god hold you, may god hold you
Ever in the palm of his hand
Ever in the palm of his hand
The palm of his hand

***Doxology**

#592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

#473

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

1 For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.
(Refrain)

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight.
(Refrain)

4 For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)

5 For Thy Church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love. (Refrain)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE 6. "Alla Marcia" from *Preludes and Voluntaries* Set 2

Eric H. Thiman

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