

Order of Worship for 4/21/24

10:00am CST

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* Please rise in body/spirit | Congregational responses are in bold

The beautiful flowers today are from Jay, Vanessa & Vincent Gagner, in celebration of Adeline's 6th birthday on April 22, 2024. Happy Birthday Adeline!

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He lays down his life for his sheep.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He knows us, and we belong to him.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

OPENING PRAYER (all)

We are your people, O God - the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table; through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #121

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

1 That Easter day with joy was bright, The sun shone out with fairer light, When, to their longing eyes restored, The apostles saw their risen Lord.

2 O Jesus, King of gentleness, Do all our inmost hearts possess And we to You will ever raise The tribute of our grateful praise.

3 From every weapon death can wield, Your own redeemed forever shield. O Lord of all, with us abide In this our joyful Eastertide. *PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)

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.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,

All: We are forgiven.

*HYMN #2026

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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SERMON

*HYMN #543

1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide! When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see. O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need Thy presence every passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

4 I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless: Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me. 1 John 3:16-24 New Testament page 240 John 10:10-18 New Testament page103

Abide with Me

5 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies: Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

arr., Frank & Marie Pooler

*DOXOLOGY

To the tune of "All Creatures of our God and King"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 16

Hear us, O God of goodness and mercy, Hear our prayer.

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN #171

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth. Brooke & Maggie Shirley

The Apostles' Creed

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me, And on His shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spreadest a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth; And O what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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