



We invite you to join us online (www.westmarketchurch.org) or by radio ([WPET 950 AM](#) & [92.7 FM](#)) to participate in worship this Sunday.

Below you will find the bulletin for the 11:00 a.m. service for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024.

We come as Christ's body to honor God's presence together.

We come to share faith, hope, and love with one another.

We come to proclaim and to hear "God is with us! Thanks be to God!"

~Pastors Otto and Jeremy



April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

Silent Meditation

The Lord is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

Psalm 23:1 (CEB)

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE:

“He Shall Feed His Flock”
Nicholas Lazzara, oboe

Handel; arr. A. Frackenpohl

ENTRANCE

† CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.
His voice, speaking our names, draws us to him.
We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.
Our hearts rejoice and we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd.
Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!
Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise! Amen.

Nancy C. Townley, ordained elder in the United Methodist Church.

† HYMN OF PRAISE: No.75

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

OLD 100th

1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why! the Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

Text: Attributed to William Kethe, 1561

† COLLECT:

We are standing at the gate, O Loving Shepherd, not sure about the journey.
But you have called our names, and in your voice we hear such love and surety.
**Bring us safely on the journey and strengthen us
that we may serve you in all that we do. Amen.**

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† GLORIA PATRI: No. 70

MEINEKE

***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.***

Text: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th century

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN’S ANTHEM:

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”
Children’s Choir

Folk melody

*The Lord is my shepherd; I’ll walk with him always. He knows me and loves me;
I’ll walk with him always. Always, always, I’ll walk with him always...*

*The Lord is my shepherd; I'll walk with him always. He leads me in green pastures;
I'll walk with him always. Always, always, I'll walk with him always...*

Text: from Psalm 23

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN: *Please join us in singing after the Children's Message*
No. 138, v.1 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ST. COLUMBIA

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.**

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1868

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE: John 10:11-18 (NRSVue) Reader: Mary Ann James

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

SERMON: "One Flock, One Shepherd" The Reverend Dr. Otto Harris

RESPONSE

RESPONSIVE ANTHEM: "The Lord Is My Shepherd" John Rutter

*The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

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† 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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 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. Amen.

THANKSGIVING TO GOD THROUGH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Sondra K. Tucker

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest; and in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk till pilgrim days are done.*

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1846, alt.

† DOXOLOGY: No. 94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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† OFFERING BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN OF DEDICATION: No. 381 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
4. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Text: Attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836

† BENEDICTION

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No. 581, v.4 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” BEACH SPRING

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child,
the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

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POSTLUDE:

“Festival Voluntary”

Flor Peeters

***Our Service of Worship is ended.
Let our worship through service begin.***

† Please stand as you are able.

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We thank oboist, Nicholas Lazzara, for joining us in worship this Sunday morning.

**Flowers for today's service are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of the Children and Staff at our ECC.**