

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Order of Service for the Worship of God

May 7, 2017

4th Sunday of Easter

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Carolyn Wallace

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy Ground

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 95: 1-3, 6-7

L: O come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation, let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

P: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise, for the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods!

L: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

P: For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of God's hand. O that today you would hearken to God's voice!

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER** ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

Holy and loving God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the gracious sacrifice of Jesus on the cross to draw all people to you, and the holy mystery of his death and resurrection to save us from sin and death. For your love and power, for your blessings and goodness, all praise is yours, O God, now, and throughout eternity. Amen.

***HYMN**

Praise Him! Praise Him!

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RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Isaiah 53:6a; Psalm 14:3

L: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to our own way.

P: [We] have all gone astray, [we] are all alike corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ Confession and Assurance of Pardon by Christine Longhurst, Asst. Professor of Worship and Music, Canadian Mennonite College

Gentle Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness; but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others who seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice, and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You, and to loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists, and to extend our hands in hope and healing, and in forgiveness and love, we pray in the name of Christ our Shepherd.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep so that the sheep may live.

P: We are part of the flock, and we are part of Christ's body. In Christ we find wholeness and restoration.

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

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ANTHEM

My Shepherd Is the Lord

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON ~ *Children through 5th grade may go to Junior Church afterward*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

UNISON PSALM LESSON ~ Psalm 23, KJV ~ Page 476 in the pew Bible

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Isaiah 40: 9-11 ~ Page 619 in the pew Bible

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms, he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 10: 1-16 ~ Pages 933-34 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said] "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that person is a thief and a robber; but whoever enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any enter by me, they will be saved, and will go in and 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. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hireling, who is not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own, and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.”

L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Jesus, the Good Shepherd” Rev. Frank Wyche

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed* Inside front cover of hymnal

*HYMN *The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want* #694

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS, MORNING PRAYER AND **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* #688

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL CLOSE *Lead Me, Lord* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Carolyn Wallace

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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“I am the good shepherd...
and I lay down my life
for the sheep.”

~John 10: 14a, 15b

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