

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 21, 2024 11:00am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Pastor Carroll Fitzgerald

PRELUDE

“Thine is the Glory”

Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

*INTROIT

SEE SCREEN

“Because He Lives” (Chorus)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 23

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil, for You are with me, Your rod
and Your staff – they comfort me.

**People: You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies, You anoint my head
with oil; my cup overflows.**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life.

**People: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my
whole life long.**

All: Let us worship God.

***OPENING PRAYER (ALL)**

All praise unto You, O God, Great Shepherd of the sheep. You gather Your people as lambs to Your side; You enfold them with Your all-embracing love. You refresh us like a stream flowing freely with living waters; You nourish us like a host whose table is overflowing. We gather to praise Your name, and to honor You as our guardian and hope. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #391 (Sing twice)**

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

In as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Lord, we confess to You and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into Your fold and guard our souls. In Jesus' name we pray.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness.

Alleluia! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

Loving God, we pray that Your Holy Spirit will open our ears and our minds to the teachings of Your Word, that through it we may hear Your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

Pages 1341-1342

ANTHEM

“Song of Fellowship”

Besig/Price

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

John 10: 1-16

Pages 1666-1667

SERMON

“The Good Shepherd”

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

back of hymnal

“The Apostles' Creed”

***Hymn #688**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS - #641

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

“Footsteps of Jesus”

Broughton

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN #788**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen, Amen”

*** POSTLUDE**

“Postlude in B Flat”

Corelli

*Please stand, if you are able.

The flowers on the organ were given by Patti Gibney.