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Sundays

Coffee Fellowship 10:15 am  
Worship Service 10:45 am

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*April 21, 2024*  
*Welcome to Sunday Worship Service*  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

**\*\* Indicates to please stand if you are able**

WELCOME AND GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE "With All My Heart" Keunyoung Song

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to God, our holy shepherd, as we come to a green meadow.

**All: God prepares a place for us, and we give glory in God's presence.**

One: How excellent is this dwelling place under the eyes of God's care.

**All: We turn to God in joy. Our good shepherd provides for all our needs.**

**\*\* Opening Hymn #122 "Thine is the Glory"**

CALL TO PRAYER OF THE DAY

As a community of faith, we gather each week to share in worship. God joins us in this time as we praise God's ongoing works, as we celebrate God's still-speaking voice, as we confess our humanity. We like to think we are in control of our own destinies. Our society embeds this belief into us from a young age. Help us to realize that you indeed the shepherd of us and our lives . . .

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Providing God, in our journey of faithfulness, we graze in the pastures you lead us to each day. As we move along, our steps may seem aimless, yet you keep watch and never leave. When we are tired, you prepare for us a table. When we are thirsty, your cup of goodness and mercy overflows. When we are lost, you seek us out. And oh, how our hearts leap when you call to us, for we know your voice and feel your love. Dearest God, we are so grateful that your staff of righteousness leads us home. Amen.

*(Let us take a moment for silent confession)*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: The good news has been passed down by prophets and priests: everyone's made in God's image, and God's love and forgiveness is everlasting

All: We believe; help our unbelief. Wherever we are on our journey, we are redeemed, forgiven, and loved.

**\*\* PARDON RESPONSE #579 "Gloria Patri"**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (if children are present)

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 23

*The Divine Shepherd*

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.<sup>[b]</sup>

He leads me in right paths<sup>[c]</sup>  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,<sup>[d]</sup>  
I fear no evil,

for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely<sup>[e]</sup> goodness and mercy<sup>[f]</sup> shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.<sup>[g]</sup>

### NEW TESTAMENT John 10:22-30

*Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews*

<sup>22</sup> At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah,<sup>[a]</sup> tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all,<sup>[b]</sup> and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Part of the Fold" Rev. Lynette Solomon

\*\* HYMN #277 "O God, Our Faithful God"

### \*\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God . . . we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus the Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God – preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to believe the gospel message.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equal in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one

community. God acts with justice and mercy to redeem all of creation. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves as forgiven and beloved so that we may love God and love neighbor. All the while binding us together with all believers in the one body of Christ. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced and to work always for justice, freedom and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

## 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.**

## DEDICATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Emmanuel, Emmanel" Bob McGee

\*\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE #592 "Doxology"

\*\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

### **BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*\* HYMN #293 "This is My Father's Door"

\*\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Sky is So Beautiful" Piano Poem

TIME FOR DISCUSSION

## 2024 SESSION MEMBERS

Building & Grounds – Howard Redfearn  
Fellowship – Sally Vickery  
Finance – Jerry Johnson  
Worship – Sonja Corbin (Godeken)

Clerk of Session – Tom McGuinness  
Mission & Outreach – Janet Bailey  
Thai Church – KC Sathid

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**Mission Statement:** Centered in Jesus Christ, we are an open, welcoming family of faith.

**Vision Statement:** As faithful followers of Jesus we offer an inclusive sanctuary for people who wish to deepen their faith through inquiry, study, worship, and service. We are committed to treating all equally and serving the community through loving action.

### PRAYER LIST

Beth Littlejohn – fighting cancer (Trich's sister-in-law)	Sharon Wiedeman (Trich's friend)
Doyle Redfearn (Patricia's FIL, needing more surgery)	Christine C. (Trich's friend)
Steve Haley (cancer & chemo)	Ken Christopherson's Family (Ken passed away)
Brenda Clark (Mackenzie Hien's mother)	Carole Norwood (had a bad fall)
Robin Chester – Thyroid issues (Peggy's Son)	Chou Chou (Ron's wife) (Get green card & come here)
Jean Tinkle (brother passed away)	Sharon B (Mike's friend (diagnosed with breast cancer))

*But truly God has listened;  
He has given heed to the words of my prayer.  
Psalm 66:19*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### ZOOM OPERATORS

April 28<sup>th</sup> – Sonja Corbin (Godeken)  
May 5<sup>th</sup> – KC Sathid  
May 12<sup>th</sup> – Sonja Corbin (Godeken)

#### WELCOME VISITORS

We are so happy to have you join us for worship today! We would greatly appreciate it if you would take a moment and fill out the page in the Fellowship Folder.

#### BIBLE STUDIES / FELLOWSHIP

“The Chosen” viewing, meets the first Wednesday of each Month at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary  
Community Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the Education Building  
Knitting, Crocheting & Hand Crafts Fellowship meets every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the Library  
“17 Minute or Less” Bible Study meets every Sunday at 10:15 AM in the Library

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 27<sup>th</sup> – Ken Christopherson's Memorial Service  
May 5<sup>th</sup> – Farewell to Chaeun  
May 8<sup>th</sup> – The Chosen  
May 19<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Potluck Picnic

#### FACILITY USAGE

TGC Food Pantry meets on the first and second Monday of each month to bag food for distribution and the second Wednesday of each month from 6:00 – 7:00 PM to distribute food to our local families.

Mansfield Group meets every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM for their AA Meetings.

Thai Presbyterian Church meets every Sunday at 11:00 AM