



May 3, 2020

Easter 4: Good Shepherd Sunday

9:30 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Acts 2:42-47

The early community of believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teachings, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. And all who believed were of one mind and had all things in common; they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need. Day by day, attending the Temple and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Craig

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

RINGING OF THE BOWL, POURING OF THE WATER, PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Prelude Modal

J. Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Almighty God was in Christ, reconciling Creation to the Creator. God did not count our sins against us, but through Jesus Christ has forgiven us all the sins of the world. Now, God has commissioned us with the ministry of reconciliation.

OPENING HYMN*The Day of Resurrection*

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The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged from evil that we may see a right
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let the earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor Diane

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies. Thou anoints my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**GLORIA PATRI**

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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.

ANTHEM*Bridge Over Troubled Water*

P. Simon

Soloist: Todd Waschman

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-11, 17-21

10 ¹ “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. ⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.” ¹⁹ The Jews who heard these words were again divided. ²⁰ Many of them said, “He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?” ²¹ But others said, “These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

SERMON A Mystery, Inside an Enigma, Presented in a Riddle

HYMN

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Keep bright in use the vision of days when war shall cease,
 when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
 till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign
 and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

THE BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Because He Lives*

And because He lives, I can face tomorrow
 Because He lives, all fear is gone
 Because I know He holds the future
 And life is worth the living just because He lives

POSTLUDE *Postludium in F* A. Fedak

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Flowers given by: Joyce Lambert
In memory of Mother

Other Announcements

Contributions are welcome in the Church Office or by Electronic Bank Transfer.
 During this time, if people would like to make special Capital Fund donations for the Sound System, Security, the Solar System, etc., just make a note of the above on the memo portion of your check.

VPC Financial / Attendance Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance	
March-2020		Through Week # 17	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 67,359	2020 Attendance	**
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 106,520	2019 Attendance	348
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 197,849	*YTD 2020 Attendance	5272
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 263,233	*YTD 2019 Attendance	7458
**as of noon 4/27/20 number of on line devices tuned into Sunday service = 295			
D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2020 Per Capita is \$46.00 per member			