

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

SAINT GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



We have two podcasts this week. The extended podcast begins here and continues through most of the worship service, to the Charge and Benediction. The shorter podcast is of the Prayer of Illumination, the scripture readings, and the Homily. Extended Podcast: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/102332/3581833>

## WORDS OF WELCOME & RESPONSIVE GREETING

One: Christ is Risen!

All: **He is Risen indeed!**

GATHERING SONG # 240     *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*  
(Refrain, v 2 &4)

TUNE: ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Give praise to his name.*

Verse 2:

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth:*

*Jesus has died and has risen.* (Refrain)

Verse 4:

*Come let us praise the living God,*

*joyfully sing to our Savior.* (Refrain)

## TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Good Shepherd,  
you call us by name,  
and we know your voice.

Open the gate for us  
that we may come and go freely,  
trusting you: the Source of Abundant Life.

PRELUDE     *Prelude on "The Lord Is My Shepherd"*

Searle Wright

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118: 24)

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**SONG #239**

***Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!***

TUNE: GELOBT SEI GOTT

(1, 2 & 4)

***Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***The Lord of life is risen today!  
Death's mighty stone is rolled away.  
Let all the earth rejoice and say:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Shepherd us, O God -  
from deep valleys and dark shadows,  
to green pastures and still waters.**

**Hear us as we name our experiences of valleys and shadows...**

- time for quiet reflection -

**Hear us as we name our experiences of pastures and waters...**

- time for quiet reflection -

**Shepherd us, O God -  
from our valleys and shadows  
to your pastures and waters,  
and remind us of your promises:**

**You are with us. You comfort us.  
You anoint our heads.  
You fill our cups to overflowing.  
Your goodness and mercy surround us.  
We will dwell with you forever.**

**Shepherd us, O God -  
this day and every day,  
in Christ and through the Spirit. Amen.**

## PASSING THE PEACE

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Link to podcast: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/102332/3581788>

One: Christ is Risen!

**All: He is Risen indeed!**

One: Let us pray...

Shepherd us, O God -  
from all that distracts us from you.

Shepherd us, O God -  
to your word and your wisdom,  
in Christ, Amen.

## PSALM Psalm 23 (KJV)

**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 for ever.**

## SONG

### *Twenty Three*

Enter the Worship Circle

*Arise, Oh Lord  
Lift up Your eyes  
Don't forget I'm helpless*

*Oh, You, lead me to waters and pastures so green  
Oh, You, pour out Your oil and choose goodness and mercy for me*

*No, I will not be in want*

*You're with me  
I will not fear  
You comfort me  
I will not fear*

**GOSPEL**     John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go 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.

One: This is the Word of the Lord:

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**HOMILY**

Katherine Kussmaul

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

One: Christ is Risen!

**All: He is Risen Indeed!**

Good Shepherd - Lord of the Gate - hear our prayer  
for those needing the sheepfold,  
for those needing the pasture,  
and for us - whichever we need.

We pray for all who need protection and safety,  
and for all those who seeking secure boundaries.

We pray for all who need particular care and meticulous caregiving,  
for all who long for deeper rest and greater security,  
and for all who are struggling with difficult burdens.

Hear our prayer for all of these -  
for all who need to be shielded in the walls of the sheepfold.

We pray for all who are ready for bold adventures,  
who feel strong, robust and ready to explore.

We pray for all on the brink of a new beginning,  
for all who sense your purpose and hear your call,  
and for all who are eager to step out in faith.

Hear our prayer for all of these -  
for all who need the freedom of the pasture.

Good Shepherd - Lord of the Gate - you provide  
the sheepfold and the pasture: we need them both.  
Be with us in our comings and goings,  
as our Provision, our Nurture and our Companion.

And hear us as we pray together....

**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.**

#### OFFERING

SONG #803

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

TUNE: RESIGNATION

*My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;  
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode, and all my works be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.*

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

“The sure provisions of our God attend us all our days” -  
the provisions of sheepfold and pasture -  
the provisions of coming in and going out -  
the provision of abundant life.

God provides all these things -  
our job is to engage the Gate -  
come and go, go and come -  
this is the way of the Abundance.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you,  
and all those you love, and all those who are convinced they are unlovable.  
May we reach out and love. Amen.

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Extended Podcast.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for these Members, Relatives and Friends

Pat Lindsay, Rachel Williams, Sandra Richbourg, **Charolette Brown**, Libby Morton, Dan Grassi, Dick Grassi, **Paula Hagler**, Dave Smith, Carol Pope, Aleta Wheeler, Marie Minani, Inez Ruchte, Andrew Scharfe, **Peggie Bell, Jeane Nagel, Peggy McNeill, Joe Moody**

- **Sallie Taylor's sister, Janet**
- Jan Morgan's daughter, Anna
- Betty Fetvedt's sister, Peggy
- Marti Ranney's friend Sherrill
- Teresa Johnson's cousin, Kaitlyn
- Charolette Brown's friend, Jaqueline
- Janet Wherry's sons David & Stephen, & her sister Fran
- Rachel & Rodney Williams' daughter, Rene
- Pat & Bob Lindsay's granddaughter Rebecca, niece Stephanie & family, & friend Ann Weber
- Chris Zaineddin's friend Peggy, nieces **Colleen**, & Sourour Dehnadi, **brother Ken**, & friend Paul Hutter & family
- Dave & Rita Hart's friends Max, Terry, neighbor Mary & her family
- Roberta Dibble's friend Margaret Rothman
- Carmen Rosa, along with Tania Valentine & Maurice Kersey
- Friends of Hess & Hart families, Max & Leatha Carey & family, & Allen Lee & Family
- Jo Lourens' father Flip Viviers
- Kimberly & Chad Craven's friend & her family
- Lisa, coworker of Koreen Thomasson, & Lisa's husband Ed
- Sara Monazah's grandmother Zary
- Carol Pope's brother, David
- Kathy & Bob Wolinski's daughter, Amy
- John Lavender's brother Don Allen Lavender, & John & Susie's niece's husband Ben Cooper
- Joe Moody's sister Mary Lynn
- Cindy Hemminger & family following her 5 year old cousin Hazel's diagnosis with Leukemia
- Donald and Nancy Ross' friend Terri McIrvine, and her husband and daughters
- Mary Ellen Jackson's cousin Betty Turner
- Frank Boyd, following a second surgery for a detached retina
- Chris Maxwell's sister Cecile
- Don & Shirley Sprinkle's family member Whitney Huskey, following COVID-19 diagnosis, and Whitney's daughter as her mother undergoes treatment
- **Nicole Goolsby's mother Lyn's friend Bob Albert**

\*requests in bold have been recently added or are in need of special prayer.