



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

“Our Shepherd”

Psalm 23

John 10:1-10

Pastor Richard Aylor

April 21, 2024

We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Prelude

Opening Chant

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Purple Hymnal 240

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.”

Welcome

Pastor Richard Aylor

Moment for Mission

Resilience 1220

****Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: He lays down his life for his sheep.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: He knows us, and we belong to him.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

** Please stand if you are able

****Opening Hymn**

“Here in This Place”

Purple Hymnal 401 (v. 1, 2, 4)

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

****Invitation to Confession**

Linda LaGrange

Leader: If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us.

People: But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God’s deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace.

Leader: Therefore, let us confess our sin.

****Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us.

People: We talk about love, but our actions betray us.

Leader: We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.

People: We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.

Leader: Lord have mercy on us.

People: Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

** Please stand if you are able

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us.

**People: This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with those gathered here and those watching from home.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

****Response to Forgiveness**

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Purple 187 (v. 1)

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
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Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

**All: Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to
listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives;
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

** Please stand if you are able

New Testament Reading

John 10:1-10

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. **2** The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5** They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” **6** Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. **8** All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. **9** I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Ministry of Music

“Precious Lord, Take my Hand”

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 23

23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 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.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 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.

Sermon

“Our Shepherd”

****Response to Sermon**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Purple Hymnal 802 (v. 1, 2, 4, 6)

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Invitation to the Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology**

“Come into God’s Presence”

Purple Hymnal 413 (v. 1, 4)

Come into God’s presence singing “Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.”

Praise the Lord together singing “Glory to God,
glory to God, glory to God.”

Prayers of the People and 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.

** Please stand if you are able

****Closing Hymn**

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Purple Hymnal 408 (v. 1, 2)

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

(Refrain)

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love,
for these blessing we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place**

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you’re the one to profit when you say,
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”

(Refrain)

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude

*Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service.
To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you
during this time.*

****Please stand if you are able**

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Peg and Toby normally go to lunch between 12:30 and 1:00 and are back by 2:00). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.

Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.

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Blue - "The Presbyterian Hymnal"

Red - "Songs for Praise and Worship"

Purple - "Glory to God"

Yellow - "Hymns for the Family of God"

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