

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 30, 2023

4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Lisa Lawson

PRELUDE

Adagio

John Bennet

WELCOMING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT HYMN

You Are Welcome Here

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Psalm 46

One: God is our refuge and strength,

All: **A very present help in trouble.**

One: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change,

All: **Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

One: Though its waters roar and foam,

All: **Though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

One: The Lord of hosts is with us;

All: **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

*HYMN #802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columbia

CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

Receive these words from First John: "Children of God, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything." Friends, let us confess before the God who already knows all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, I know not what to ask of you. You alone know what I need, and you love me better than I love myself. I ask neither for crosses nor consolations. I simply come before you, sinner that I am, with an open heart. Behold and do to me according to your tender mercy. Smite, heal, depress, or raise me up. I wait silently before you. I offer myself in sacrifice, and yield to you. I would have neither desire nor purpose apart from your will.

CHORAL KYRIE

Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me

Distress

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

Psalm 32:1-2

One: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,

All: **And happy are those whose sin is covered.**

One: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,

All: **And happy are those in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymnal Page 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. (3X)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

ANTHEM

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Simon Andrews

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 10:1-11

SERMON

"Right Paths Through Dark Valleys"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord's Prayer ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Interlude III

Starling Goodwin

*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN # 80 *Trees of the Field* (*clap) The Trees of The Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy,

and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap** their hands**; the trees of the field will clap** their

hands**; the trees of the field will clap their hands** while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE *Allegro from Symphony in D, op.2. No.5* William Boyce, Arr. Robert Gower

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Terry Housholder, Linda Smith's sister, Carol; Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Mike Carver, Jan McLaughlin, Dean Clark (son of Mary Clarke), the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!

A "More Light" Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

There are no closed doors here.

Christ Welcomes All Here!

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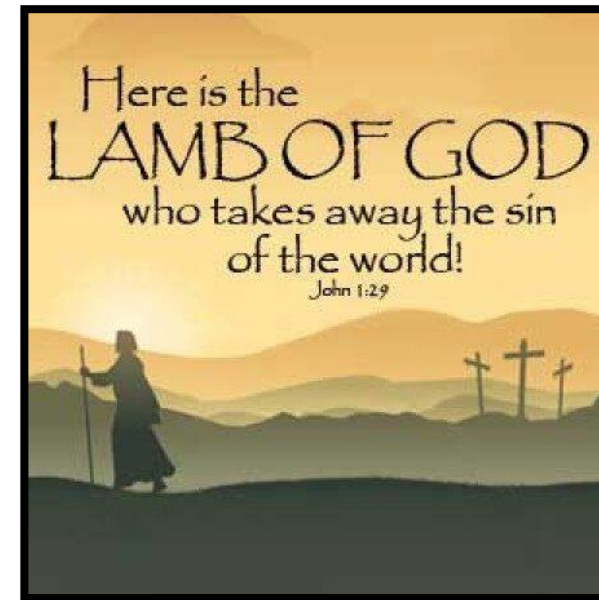
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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
2. When streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. 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.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

1. Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond
with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of
sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill
God's chosen end.
2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let
us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer,
poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious
gifts from God unfold.
3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear
each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort,
words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength
for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.
4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's
Sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our
compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and
peace.

Week of April 30 thru May 7

SUNDAY	10:00 am	Worship in the sanctuary
	11:30 am	Membership Inquiry Luncheon in FH
	4:00 pm	Girl Scouts in the Green Lounge
	7:00 pm	Meditation Group in the FH
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
TUESDAY	1:00 pm	Book Group in the Green Lounge
	6:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous in the Green Lounge
	7:00 pm	W2W Circle in the Gathering Place
	8:00 pm	A.A. in the FH
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am	Sorting Clothes in Deacons' Shop
	12:00 pm	BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.
	5:30 pm	We Meet food and fellowship in Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY	9:30 am	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	9:30 am	Staff Mtg. in Pastor Jeff's office (office closed)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 pm	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
FRIDAY	6:00 pm	First Friday at Country Farmhouse in Wayne OH
SUNDAY	10:00 am	Worship w/Communion

let's do
lunch

Membership Inquiry Luncheon

If you have been attending First Presbyterian Church as a visitor
and would like to consider membership or to just learn more
about us, please consider joining us for today following the service **in the Green Lounge
(off the hall behind the Sanctuary)**.

We will be serving a light lunch and providing plenty of opportunities for you to meet
our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jeff Schooley, as well as other members of the congregation. We look
forward to meeting you and to helping you get to know us!



**First Friday for May will be held on May 5th at 6 p.m. at the
Country Farmhouse, 117 E. Main St., Wayne OH. Please let
Nettie know if you plan on attending (419/262-7889 or
nettierose@aol.com) by Tuesday, May 2nd**

W2W circle will next meet on **Tuesday, May 2 at 7 pm at the church**. If you have question please contact Amanda Ark by calling/texting her cell phone 937/844-6787



Divine Doodle Page



Helping Hands Project in conjunction with First Christian Church next distribution date is May 12th. **Please bring your donations by May 10th** to the church lobby and place them in the donation bin. Our church is asked to provide **shampoo, body wash, toothbrushes, and baby diapers (all sizes), wet wipes, cat/dog food, laundry detergent, dish soap, dish cloths, and paper towels**. If you want to contribute but don't have time to shop, a monetary donation can be made. We will do the shopping for you. If you would like to help with distribution of food and hygiene items on May 12th, join us from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at First Christian Church, on the corner of Poe and Haskins Roads.

Kindred Spirits - Sabbath and community is the final lesson in this series. **Join us in the library on May 15 at 4:30**. Questions? Call or text Julie Smith Maekask (419-247-1794).



Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering



Spring is finally here and it is time for PW's spring gathering! We have planned a morning program at Simpson Gardens on Saturday, May 27, 10 am -12:00 pm. The program features Phil Hollenbaugh our local expert on Hostas and the designer of the award winning Hosta garden at Simpson Gardens. Phil will share his knowledge of Hostas and how his development of the garden led to

the American Hosta Society awarding it the designation of an American Hosta Display Garden. Coffee and sweets will be provided before the program. There will be a brief business meeting following the program. **Please RSVP to Nancy Hess at nhess1581@yahoo.com or call 419-806-4788.**

Tip of the Month—Help us continue to make our outdoor spaces welcoming and green! The Green Team is launching a fundraising drive to help the church keep **'Growing Green'**! Any contribution you can give is much appreciated. Funds will be used to defray costs of our recent purchase of trees and benches, and make sure we have funds for future projects.

