

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

1 JOHN 3

The Good Shepherd cares for us, providing all that we need in abundance. Christ calls us to love one another in truth and action. We send our gifts to reflect our trust in the Shepherd's care. May our offerings show our willingness to love one another.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Love, abide with us. We give thanks for Your gifts of provision and guidance to live faithfully. Out of gratitude for Your care, we send our gifts to support the ministry and mission of Your church. Use them for the work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.

** HYMN#697

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

HENDON

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**Postlude

SERWE

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.



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Fourth Sunday of Easter —May 3, 2020

**Those who are able please stand*

(Please date, fill out, and pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor.

MAY 03, 2020 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE** **9:30 A.M.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rev. Bruce Jones

GATHERING MUSIC

JACK SERWE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ACTS 2

One: As baptized Christians, we gather in our homes for worship.

All: Together, we share our devotion to the Apostles' teachings.

One: As the Children of God, we enjoy the fellowship of believers.

All: While socially distant, we stay connected to the Body of Christ.

One: As the saints gather, in every time and place, we worship in this space.

All: We come to worship, waiting together in the presence of Christ.

****HYMN #321 (1-3)** "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 PETER 2

Jesus bore the sins of the world on the cross, so that we may be free from sins. We approach the cross and the throne of grace with reluctance, because we don't want to acknowledge our faults and failures. Yet, we come with confidence and faith, knowing the Love our God has for us. Please join me in prayer....

A TIME FOR US TO CONFESS TOGETHER

LUKE 15

God of wisdom, we confess the foolishness of our ways, and our failure to follow You in Your paths of right relationships – with You and with others. We have gone astray; we feel lost and isolated. We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others. We seek easy answers to difficult problems. We feel the stains of our failures to be faithful.

A TIME OF REFLECTION AND EXAMINATION

We seek the Lord's mercy, according to God's steadfast love and grace. **Wash the stain of sinfulness away from us, and help us to live more faithfully as Your servants. We seek Your unfailing Lordship and ask for Your guiding hand on our lives. You are the immortal, invisible One; to You be honour and glory forever. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We give thanks that our Merciful and Loving God never gives up on us. When we are lost, the Good Shepherd looks for us, calling us back to the flock. Believe the Good News through Jesus Christ; you are freed from your past; you can move forward to the glorious future prepared for those who believe. Alleluia. Amen.

****RESPONSE ##321 (4)** "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

THE PEACE

One: As we continue in the Season of Eastertide, May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Remember to share the joy of Easter and the Peace of God with all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

INTERLUDE

THE GOSPEL

The Fellowship of the Believers

Acts 2:42-47

SERMON

"Baptized and Devoted"

****HYMN ##321 (5)** "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Come to this table: Come with devotion to the Apostle's teachings. Come with the joy of the fellowship Christian believers of every time and place. Come, the Lord invites you to come from north and south, east and west to this special time, in your private space.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy... ...and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of Your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We acclaim you, Holy God, *glorious in power; Your mighty works reveal divine wisdom and love. You formed us in Your own image, giving the whole world into our care so that, in obedience to our Creator, we might care for Your flock of people. With the Holy Spirit, we, the lost sheep, find the Risen Christ. Again, and again, You called us into a blessed covenant; and through the prophets You taught us the hope of salvation.*

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

(MALOTTE TUNE)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION