

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S RISEN PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC *On Eagle's Wings* Arr. Anne Krentz Organ

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* UNISON INTROIT FOR EASTER

*Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia! Sing, O heaven and earth reply. Alleluia!*

* OPENING SENTENCES

May the peace of our Risen Lord be with you.

And also with you.

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep, and they know me.

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Evan Greif

* HYMN 485

"We Know that Christ is Raised"

ENGELBERG

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brothers and sisters, God is with us!

We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION

Like lost sheep, we stray from your ways, merciful God. We often follow the devices and desires of our own hearts, rather than seeking your will. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we should never have done. Have mercy on us that we may begin again, forgiven and set free, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE

*O, how deep your holy wisdom; unimagined, all your ways.
To your name be glory, honor. With our lives we worship, praise.
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace our lives we offer. Re-create us, God-transformed.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

I Peter 2:21-25

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.233)

ANTHEM

The Lord of Love My Shepherd Is

Richard Peek

The Lord of Love my Shepherd is, and God that does me feed. While God is mine and I am Thine, what can I want or need. God leads me to the tender grass, where I both feed and rest. Then to the streams that gently pass, in both, I have the best. Or if I stray God doth convert and bring my mind in frame. And all this not for my desert, but for God's holy name. Wonderous love shall measure my days, so neither shall my praise.

* GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:1-16

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.103)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power. Send us grace.

SERMON

"God's Gateway"

Dr. Butler

"Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand..."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACIOUS WELCOME

CONFIRMATION OF FAITH (printed on insert)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

* **HYMN 488** "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" WATERLIFE

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.

OFFERTORY *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* BWV 147 Johann Sebastian Bach

* **DOXOLOGY** (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**

* **CHARGE**

* **CHORAL BLESSING**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC** *Toccat in F*, BuxWV 157a Dietrich Buxtehude
The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor
The Revs. Dr. Steve and Dr. Cinda Gorman, Parish Associates
Dr. Kaori Hongo, Minister of Music
Aliyah Kennedy, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

10 a.m.
