

# Riverside United Methodist Church

Good Shepherd Sunday • May 3, 2020 • 9:30 AM

We gather online to worship in the name of the  
+the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit+

## GATHERING

### Gathering Music

### Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
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### Processional Hymn

*You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

*Worship & Song 3043*

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.  
You, Lord are both prince and slave.  
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer  
of the way you took and gave.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
you, whom we both scorn and crave.

2 Clothed in light upon the mountain,  
stripped of might upon the cross,  
shining in eternal glory,  
beggared by a soldier's toss,  
you, the everlasting instant;  
you who are both gift and cost.

3 You, who walk each day beside us,  
sit in power at God's side.  
You, who preach a way that's narrow,  
have a love that reaches wide.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
you, who are our pilgrim guide.

4 Worthy is our earthly Jesus!  
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
Worthy your defeat and victory;  
worthy still your peace and strife.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
you, who are our death and life.

### Invocation

*from Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Gathering the Community

## THE WORD

### Psalm 23

### *Shepherd Me, O God*

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#### *Refrain*

Shepherd me, O God,  
beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears,  
from death into life.

1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **R**

2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. **R**

3 Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side;  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. **R**

4 You have set me a banquet of love in the face of  
hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. **R**

5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days  
of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. **R**

### Pastoral Prayer

#### Easter Alleluia

#### *Sing Alleluia to the Lord*

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Sing alleluia to the Lord.  
Sing alleluia to the Lord.  
Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!  
Sing alleluia to the Lord!

#### Gospel Reading John 10:1-10 (NRSV)

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

**All: Glory to you, O God.**

“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 Gospel of New Life.

**All: All praise to Christ!**

In Christ, the world has been redeemed.  
 In Christ, the world has been redeemed.  
 Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!  
 Sing alleluia to the Lord!

## Sermon

*Our Easter Journey:  
 Green Pastures, Still Waters, Life Abundant*

Rev. Keith A. Turner

THE EUCHARIST

## Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

## The Great Thanksgiving for Easter Sunday

One: Lift up your heads  
 All: **We lift them up to God**  
 One: Lift up your hearts  
 All: **We lift them up to the Lord**  
 One: Lift up your hands  
 All: **We dedicate our heads, our hearts, and our hands to the worship of God.**

We offer our entire being to the God of Creation, who made the sun and the moon to govern by day and by night and hung the stars in the sky. We offer our entire being to the great God who hollowed out the valleys and bulged up the mountains, who spat out the seven seas, and populated the world with glorious creatures. Blessed be the name of the Lord who created us and fashioned us from the dust and breathed into us the breath of life.

And so we praise you and bless you, Creator God, joining our voices in the ancient hymn of all creation:

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

Blessed be the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who came to us in spite of our destructive ways. He healed the sick, raised the dead and cast out demons. In the brief time that he was with us, Jesus sided with the oppressed, had compassion for those who suffer, and gave dignity to women and children. He taught us in word and deed about a God we had been unable to understand.

In spite of his glory-revealing presence among us, we turned him into a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. Jesus was persecuted by certain religious leaders and betrayed by one of his own. He was lied about, tortured, and hung on a cross to die.

Yet, even on the day of his crucifixion, Jesus continued to teach those who would listen. When evil people came with his betrayer, Jesus did not respond with violence, choosing instead to remind us that those who live by the sword will die by the sword. When he was falsely accused and condemned to death, Jesus refused to do harm. And while hanging on the cross, he prayed: "God forgive them, for they know not what they do." But we give you thanks that nothing ever was, or ever will be, able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

On the morning of the third day Jesus laughed at death, shed his grave clothes, and walked among us alive! Forty days later, he ascended into heaven, where he is seated at the right hand of the God of our ancestors. Our eyes are turned toward the skies looking for the day

when Jesus shall return to a kingdom without end, where the lion will lie down peaceably with the lamb, where sickness and disease are not known where the wicked will cease from troubling and we will study war no more!

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he shared a meal with his disciples. He took bread from the table, gave thanks to God, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the meal was over he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my lifeblood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Today, Jesus, we remember the bread and the cup. Today, we remember your life and your death. We remember your resurrection; we remember eternal life. As we receive these gifts in praise and thanksgiving we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.  
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine; make them be for us the body and blood of Christ. Wonder-working God, pour out your Spirit upon us; as we offer ourselves to be God's presence in the world until Jesus returns in glory.

One: Almighty God, We your people cry out to you on behalf of our community:  
Have mercy upon all who suffer from the evils of poverty.

**All: Risen Christ, be known to all in the breaking of the bread.**

One: Have mercy upon all who have lost their way.

**All: Risen Christ, be known to all in the breaking of the bread.**

One: Have mercy upon all who have been offended by the church.

**All: Risen Christ, be known to all in the breaking of the bread.**

One: Have mercy upon all who feel forgotten and neglected.

**All: Risen Christ, be known to all in the breaking of the bread.**

**Amen, amen, amen!  
Amen, amen, amen!**

Have mercy upon us Triune God,  
and make us worthy to be called your people  
who pray the prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples:

## The Lord's Prayer

setting by Mark Miller

Our God, in heaven, holy is your name.  
Your reign come.  
Your will done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
and help us forgive as we have been forgiven.  
In the time of trial, lead us into life.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Our God in heaven, holy is your name.  
Holy is your name.

## Sharing the Bread and Cup

## Hymn during Communion

## *Shepherd of Love*

John Peterson, 1966

1 Shepherd of Love, you knew I had lost my way;  
Shepherd of Love, you cared that I'd gone astray.  
You sought and found me, placed around me  
strong arms that carried me home;  
no foe can harm me or alarm me,  
never again will I roam!

2 Shepherd of Love, contentment at last is mine;  
deep in my heart, there's peace and a joy divine.  
The future's brighter, burden's lighter,  
my cup runs over each day;  
your grace supplied me, now provides me  
all that I need for the way.

3 Shepherd of Love, Savior and Lord and Guide;  
Shepherd of Love, forever I'll stay by your side.  
You sought and found me, placed around me  
strong arms that carried me home;  
no foe can harm me, or alarm, me,  
never again will I roam!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## SENDING

### Closing Hymn

### *Surely No One Can Be Safer*

*New Century Hymnal 487*

1 Surely no one can be safer  
than God's children held in favor,  
not the stars so brightly burning,  
not the birds to nests returning.

2 With the flock God is abiding,  
heaven's plenty all providing,  
rich in mercy, never sparing,  
like a father, gently caring.

3 None shall ever meet rejection,  
be denied God's own protection;  
has there been a friend who better  
knows our hopes, our fears that fetter?

4 Whether taking, whether giving,  
God alone remains forgiving,  
and with one true purpose holy  
to preserve our welfare solely.

## Benediction

## Sending Music