

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Amen

***HYMN #458** *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Rondeau

PURCELL

**As you are able, please stand.*

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Growing in Spirit ~ Nourished by Tradition

Fourth Sunday in Easter



SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

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ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 AT 10 AM *Fourth Sunday in Easter*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Sarabande
Jennie Kerney, Organist

HANDEL

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: With word and song, we gather to praise God

People: **who has blessed us with the gift of life in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: We are drawn into God's presence through him,

People: **and the burdens we carry he takes upon himself.**

Pastor: We are truly blessed, for God has listened and responded to our prayers.

All: **We worship you, O God, with gladness in our hearts and songs of praise on our lips.**

*HYMN # 601 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

O God of miracles and mighty deeds, we acknowledge your healing and comforting presence in our lives. We confess that we have been blinded by the things of the world — by fears and hopelessness — open our eyes to a new way of being. Send your anointing and grant us fresh insight for spiritual growth. In the name of Jesus, we pray. (Silent Confession)

Pastor: In Christ's Name.

All: Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI (#142)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE ("May the peace of Christ be with you.")

ANTHEM

Love Grows Here BESIG
OUCC CHOIR
Martha Lubowiecki, Director

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:5-12

Reader: Ed Lubowiecki

NT: p. 105

HYMN # 42 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18

Rev. Karen Jodice

NT: p. 90

SERMON

Rev. Karen Jodice

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Invitation

(Please write prayer requests on Prayer Cards and hand them to an usher. They will be shared with the congregation before the Pastoral Prayer.)

Offertory

Verset KERCKHOVEN
Jennie Kerney, Organist

*Doxology [Sing traditional or (inclusive words) as you chose.]

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him (God) all creatures here below!
Praise Him (God) above you heavenly hosts!
Praise Father (Creator), Son (Christ) and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Patient God, we offer these gifts so that others may be made alive in your spirit. Continue to guide our hearts and minds so that we may reflect Christian discipleship. We pray in the name of our risen Christ. Amen