

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

~A HEALING SERVICE~

10 a.m.

April 21, 2024

** indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.*

PRELUDE *Cantilena*
by Robert Lau

INTROIT *Surely the Presence of the Lord* CUMC Adult Choir
by Lanny Wolfe

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you

One: Let us share God's love and peace with one another.

*HYMN *This Little Light of Mine* UMH #585

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.

All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

One: Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.

All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

One: Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

One: Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

All: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

OPENING PRAYER

Shepherding God, guardian of our souls, you offer us rest in the safety of green pastures. Shower us with your love, and offer us fullness of life in your name. When our spirits are parched, you lead us beside still waters and quench our thirst for righteousness; you restore our souls and heal our battered spirits. Touch our hearts and minds, that your goodness and mercy may follow us every day of our lives. May we abide in your love and grace for all eternity. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES "Children's Message" Virginia Lorenzi

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Good Shepherd, help us become your bold acolytes, lighting the way of your truth for all to see. Help us choose honorable paths through green pastures and still waters amid the darkest valleys of our lives. For you are greater than our fears and you know how to bring us peace. As you laid down your life for us, may we strive to live for others. We choose you this day, for no other name under heaven inspires us to greater joy. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

You are welcome at the table of the Lord. The Good Shepherd beckons all to come and be restored. Rejoice in the knowledge that you are loved!

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 4:5-12
1 John 3:16-24

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Name of Jesus Christ" Rev. Sue H. Yun

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As we have been loved, we are invited to love. As God has given generously to us, we are invited to give generously to God and to God's church. May our hearts brim with love and generosity for all as we enter this time of offering.

WEEKLY OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Thank You for the Valleys* CUMC Adult Choir
by Cindy Berry

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

As the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep, may we, too, strive to serve our neighbors. Whether next door, across town, or around the world, may God bless our prayers, our gifts, and our ministries. In Christ's name, we present these gifts. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS

A MOMENT OF HEALING BLESSINGS

See Insert

*HYMN

Pass It On

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*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

May you show boldness before God in all you do. Following Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, act with kindness, love, and humility. Bring comfort to others, acting with love and truth.

POSTLUDE

A Piece from L'Organiste
by Cesar Frank

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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