

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PENDLETON, OREGON      APRIL 25, 2021

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**PASTOR** – Rev. Jonathan Mitchell  
**LITURGIST** – Mary Davis  
**VOCALS** – Steve Muller  
**ORGAN/PIANO**– Sue Nelson  
**AV SUPPORT** – Alison Moses

**Bold words** are spoken together.  
***Bold Italic words*** are sung  
together.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING PRAYER

### HYMN #187

### *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us;  
for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us: we are yours.  
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you have bought us: we are yours.
2. We are yours: in love befriend us;  
be the guardian of our way.  
Keep your flock: from sin defend us;  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear your children when we pray.  
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hear your children when we pray.
3. You have promised to receive us,  
poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us,  
grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.  
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early let us turn to you.
4. Early let us seek your favor;  
early let us do your will.  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us; love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us; love us still.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## From Psalm 23 - The Inclusive Bible

LORD, you are my shepherd- I want nothing more.

**You let me lie down in green meadows;**

**You lead beside restful waters; You refresh my soul.**

You guide me to lush pastures for the sake of your Name.

**Even if I'm surrounded by shadows of death,**

**I fear no danger, for you are with me.**

Your rod and your staff- They give me courage.

**You spread a table for me in the presence of my enemies**

**and you anoint my head with oil –**

My cup overflows!

**Only Goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,**

**And I will dwell in your house, LORD for days without end.**

Come let us worship the good shepherd!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From Psalm 23, 1 John 3

Merciful shepherd, give us the grace to love as you love.

**Give us the courage to protect and care for others,  
even when we are afraid.**

Grant us the strength to love in truth and action,  
even when loving this way challenges us.

**Awaken our curiosity and empathy,  
even when we tend to neglect the needs of others.**

Forgive us when our love is absent,  
and show us how to offer our love  
with more than just words.

**Shepherd us in our loving and in our living,  
that others may see in us  
the fruit of your goodness and mercy.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From 1 John 3

The Spirit abides in each of us— loving us, loving through us, forgiving us, and forgiving through us.

We are loved and forgiven, even as we love and forgive.

Join me in these words of forgiveness:

**By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen. Amen***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

From 1 John 3

Let us love, not just with words, but with our lives. In this spirit of love,  
let us share signs of peace and grace with one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

ANTHEM

*Simple Gifts*  
A Shaker Melody

Bell Choir  
arr. Patricia Sanders

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN 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.**

HYMN #81 GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God.  
God, whose word cannot be broken,  
formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
2. Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which God gives them when they pray.
3. See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE