

\* THE HYMN 172

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* THE CHORAL RESPONSE

*Sevenfold Amen*

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WORSHIP APRIL 25, 2010

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.**

*Our preparation for worship is as follows: Before the prelude begins, the liturgist for the morning will greet the congregation from the lectern, saying "The Lord be with you." The people will respond, "And also with you." At this point, the prelude will begin. After the prelude, the chimes will be sounded, and the call to worship will take place, followed by the processional hymn. Our goal is to make the sanctuary as worshipful as possible as the congregation gathers to honor God's holy name.*

THE GATHERING

Mary Miller Brueggemann

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff, organist

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come let us worship and bow down.

People: **And kneel before the Lord our maker.**

Leader: For we are the people of God's pasture.

People: **As God's own, we come with praise and humility.**

All: **Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 220

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

*\*(The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*

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*Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship.  
Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, toddlers 18 months through two years in Room 012.*

- Elder on call: Van Crisco 678.313.6695
- Deacon on call: Brenda Fishpaw 678.371.3581
- Ushers: Guerry and Michelle Mashburn, Kim Perez, Shari Tant
- Coffee and Conversation Hosts: Pat and Jim Antenucci
- Counters: Sarah Beth Gehl and Emilie Paille
- Infant Volunteer: Nancy Crow
- Toddler/Two's Volunteer: Mimi Bittick
- Three's Volunteers: Robin Hackney, Joann Bertrand
- Pre-K Volunteers: Tara and Randy Parrish
- K-1 Volunteers: Mindy Potter, Shirley Adair
- 2nd-3rd Grade: Joe and Ann Brady
- Fellowship Hour: Environmental Action Committee

**Staff**

- Christopher Henry .....Associate Pastor/Acting Head of Staff
- Mary Miller Brueggemann.....Pastoral Assistant
- Robert Gray.....Assistant to the Minister
- Walter Huff.....Organist/Choirmaster
- Melinda Sandkam .....Program Director
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- Brittney Jaynes.....Children's Choir Director
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## THE CALL TO CONFESSION

### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we come ready to ask your forgiveness. Too often we have enjoyed the benefits of your grace and mercy in our lives while being judgmental towards others. Whenever we harbor resentments and our words become piercing like a prickly pear, forgive us. Whenever we allow worship to dry up and our prayers to become like an empty water hole, forgive us, and have mercy upon us we pray. Re-order our lives and refresh us with your Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE** *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 473)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the **Peace of Christ** for special classes. Three-year-olds are in Room 208; Pre-K in 011; K - 1st grade in 001; 2nd - 3rd grade in 003; 4th - 6th grade in 005.)*

### THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 23 (in unison) Nancy Frampton  
(page 474 in the pew Bible)

### THE ANTHEM

*The Lord's My Shepherd* Carl Mueller

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul He doth restore again and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill; for Thou art with me and Thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be. Amen.

### THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17 (page 235 in the pew Bible)

## THE SERMON

*"A Pastoral Kingdom"*

Christopher Henry

*"For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd..." Revelation 7:17a*

**\* THE HYMN 256**

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

**\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image

male and female, of every race and people,

to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

accept lies as truth,

exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### THE 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.

### THE OFFERTORY

*The Little Lamb*

Mary Caldwell

Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee, gave thee life and bid thee feed by the streams and o'er the mead: gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly, bright, gave thee such a tender voice making all the vales rejoice? Little lamb I'll tell thee, He is called by thy name, for He calls Himself a Lamb. He is meek and He is mild; He became a little child. I a child and thou a lamb, we are called by His name. Little lamb, God bless thee. —poem by William Blake

**\* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)