

May 3, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

4th Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

March Rondo in F
Chancel Bells

Barbara Semmann

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

Charlie Maloney, United Methodist Men President

Leader: The Good Shepherd invites us to green pastures. We are refreshed beside still waters.

People: **We have been given everything we have. God offers us everything we need.**

Leader: When we walk through shadowed valleys, God is with us. We are comforted and reassured.

People: **God leads us in the right paths. Our cups are filled to overflowing.**

Leader: God welcomes us to the table where love is expressed. We are invited to partake of the truth God offers.

People: **We have received plenty that we might share. We are called to be God's helpers.**

*Hymn No. 128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

He Leadeth Me

Invocation

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Good Shepherd, we meet in your name, confident that we are known and loved by you. Here we draw close to one another and to you. We ask for fresh insights for living as your people. We want to care for one another in life-giving ways. We seek to reach out to those who deny you or suspect us. Help us grow in love that is genuine in its caring and self-sacrifice. We embrace the wholeness you offer and dare to risk acceptance of a healing role for ourselves and this faith community. Equip us for service beyond this hour of meeting. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Acts 4:5-12

Pages 147 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn No. 138

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columbia

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:16-24

Page 292 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

arr. Zebulon Highben

Chancel Choir with Becky Gardner, oboe

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Pastorale in F
Chancel Bells

Bach / arr. Honore'

*Doxology No. 94

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Children's Message

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn No. 408**

The Gift of Love

Gift of Love

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri No. 70**

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.

†*Gospel Lesson

John 10:11-18

Page 126 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Sheeple"

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Hymn No. 549**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

St. Peter

***Prayer Shawl Blessing**

***Benediction**

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Benediction Response No. 666**

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

***Postlude**

†Sermon Text

Please stand if you are able

Nursery Provided