

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP - Hymn No. 318

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Marisa Rogers

PRELUDE

Shepherd Me, Lord

Jeffrey Honore

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Chastain

Leader: Day by day, God leads us:

People: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Leader: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

People: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Leader: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

People: the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

— written by Thom Shuman on Lectionary Liturgies.

*HYMN NO. 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Beach Spring

*INVOCATION

The Reverend Taylor Campbell

O Good Shepherd,

You desire to guide all

into safety, refreshment and peace.

Meet us here today and

fill us with your love,

that we may look into your world with your loving knowledge,

welcome our sisters and brothers with your joy,

and offer our lives with your generosity

as members of your beloved community:

in your name we pray, Amen.

— written by Brian Draper, and posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the [Christian Aid](#) website.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

Page 617 (OT) in pew Bibles

*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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Henry Smart

Myra Greene, soprano and Lisa Smith, alto

***DOXOLOGY** 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**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Kelly

As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary, they are invited to bring change to help in Heifer International. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following the message, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***HYMN NO. 407**

Close to Thee

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SERMON

"The Good Shepherd" The Reverend Taylor Campbell

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Please see communion insert)

***HYMN NO. 140**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

***BENEDICTION**

Go now with your trust in the good shepherd,
and let us love, not just in words,
but in truth and action.
Believe in the name of Jesus Christ,
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death.
May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life.
And may the Holy Spirit abide in you
and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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***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.

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided

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Communion Servers

Dave and Carol Chastain, Reverend Campbell, Gerry and Avary Doubleday, and Arthur Radcliffe

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Edward F. Workman** by his family.

Main Street Church is happy to welcome **The Reverend Taylor Campbell** to the pulpit today.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Invitation

Jesus said, "Come to me,
all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls."

—from Matthew 11:28-29, NRSV

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**It is our joy and our peace,
at all times and in all places
to give thanks to you,
holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God,
through Christ, our Lord.**

We bless you for your continual love and care for every creature.

We praise you for forming us in your image
and calling us to be your people.
We thank you that you did not abandon us
in our rebellion against your love,
but sent prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation.
Above all, we thank you for sending Jesus, your Son,
to deliver us from the way of sin and death
by the obedience of his life,
by his suffering upon the cross,
and by his resurrection from the dead.

We praise you that he now reigns with you in glory
and ever lives to pray for us.
We thank you for the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into truth,
defends us in adversity,
and unites us into one holy church.
Therefore with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth,
we worship and glorify you, God most holy, and we sing with joy.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

We give thanks to God the Father
that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered,
gave us this memorial of his sacrifice until he comes again.
The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread,
and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,
"This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, he took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We shall do as our Lord commands.

We proclaim that our Lord Jesus was sent by the Father into the world, that he took upon himself our flesh and blood and bore the wrath of God against our sin.

We confess that he was condemned to die that we might be pardoned, and suffered death that we might live.

We proclaim that he is risen to make us right with God and that he shall come again in the glory of his new creation. This we do now, and until he comes again.

Heavenly Father, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your whole church through this sacrament. Grant that all who share the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, may be one in him and may remain faithful in love and hope. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:³

³ John D. Witvliet and Emily Brink, eds., *The Worship Sourcebook*. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 2004), 328.

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.

The Pouring and Breaking and Serving

The Bread we break is the Bread of Life.
The Cup we share is the Cup of Promise.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.
Come and eat, the banquet awaits.¹

Hymns During Communion

# 378	<i>Amazing Grace</i>
# 347	<i>Spirit Song</i>
# 557	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>

Prayer Following Communion

Most gentle God, you have fed us this day with your holy word and life-giving bread. May we continue to know your voice and discern your calls in life, family, community, and in the movements of our hearts. May we always be among those who worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.²

¹ Gord Waldie, "The Banquet of Hopeful Expectations," *Worship Offerings*, entry posted January 20, 2080, <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/2008/01/banquet-of-hopeful-expectation-advent.html> (accessed April 11, 2012).

² Adapted from Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, eds., *Chalice Worship* (St. Louis, Mo.: Chalice Press, 1997), 422.