



# Welcome to Christ Church!

*Christ Church United Methodist is a Welcoming Community of Faith, Hope and Love Serving our Neighbors and the World as the Hands of Christ.*

Sunday, April 21, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

11:00am  
† - Those who are able, please stand

## VOLUNTARY

"Aria".....Craig Phillips

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jay Parkins, Lead Pastor

*Please take a moment to let us know you are here today by completing the Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate.*

## CHORAL INTROIT

Jubilate Children's Choir

"Praise to the Lord".....Terry Kirkland  
*Praise to the Lord! Praise with the sound of the trumpet. Praise with the sound of the strings. O praise to the Lord, for the Lord has done marvelous things. Alleluia!*

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## † CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of all shepherds has called us here.

***We come today, celebrating God's love for us.***

The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

***We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.***

The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

***We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God.***

## † PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE #381

UM Hymnal

"Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us".....BRADBURY

## † GATHERING PRAYER

***Gracious God, like sheep***

***we are prone to wander from our Good Shepherd.***

***We know that you alone can lead us to right paths,***

***streams of living water and pastures that feed us,***

***but we are easily distracted, frequently frightened***

***and stubbornly bent on making our own way.***

***Still, you call us.***

***Still, you whisper words of life and peace.***

***Thank you for your relentless pursuit of us.***

***In humility and faith,***

***we turn to you again and follow you.***

***For the sake of Christ our Shepherd, we pray. Amen.***

## † THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us share in signs of reconciliation and peace.

## WORSHIP NOTES

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. You have chosen to be a part of the Body of Christ that has been worshipping together for over 220 years. Welcome! We are glad you are here.*

The 11:00am service is broadcast on 1240AM and 95.7FM. The livestream of our service can be found on the Christ Church Facebook page, which is also accessible from our church website: [www.ccumwv.org](http://www.ccumwv.org).

All songbooks are located between the seats. Song texts will also be projected on the screens.

Congregational responses are in ***bold italic***.

Please see an usher if you need a hearing assist.

The Church is now in the 50 Great Days of Easter, the 50 days that follow Easter Sunday that take us to the day of Pentecost on May 19. The liturgical colors for the season are white and gold.

The 'crown of thorns' on the cross behind the communion table was originally covered with dark colored ribbons that represented prayer concerns shared during our Ash Wednesday service. Now that we are in the Easter season, the dark colored ribbons have been changed to white and gold as a celebration of giving our cares and concerns to the risen Christ.

## WORSHIP NOTES

The text to Hymn #381 first appeared in a book entitled, *Hymns for the Young, 1830*. The text is attributed to Dorothy Thrupp who wrote many hymns for children during her lifetime, but most were written under pseudonyms (which is why this text is only attributed to her.) The text is based on John 10: 1-29. The tune was composed in 1859 by William Bradbury, a well-known organist and musician who lived in Maryland and New York. He was musically influenced by the American composer, Lowell Mason.

The Gloria Patri is a short hymn of praise and is Trinitarian in nature praising God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The tune used with this text was composed in 1844 by Rowland Prichard, an amateur Welsh composer who worked in the textile industry.

The children's anthem is based on an African American spiritual, arranged by Dr. Mark Patterson, an active composer and clinician. Dr. Patterson currently serves as the Director of Music at Salisbury Presbyterian Church in Midlothian, Virginia.

The Preparation for Prayer was written and composed in 1982 by the late, Jacques Berthier, the music leader for the Taize religious community in Taize, France. The text is based on Psalm 137. CONFITEMINI DOMINO means 'praise the Lord for He is good.'

## † GLORIA PATRI

HYFRYDOL

***Praise we bring to God, the Father; praise we bring to God the Son.  
Praise to God, the Holy Spirit, praise to you the Three-in-One.  
Trinity of Love, inspire us; may we always strive to be.  
One in love and one in worship – children of eternity.***

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## DRUMMING THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE

- Daniel in the lion's den.
- God sent angels to Daniel.
- Daniel slept the night away.

## ANTHEM

Jubilate Children's Choir

"Witness".....Mark Patterson  
*Who'll be a witness for my Lord? 1.) Now Daniel was a Hebrew child, he went to pray to his God awhile. The king at once for Daniel did send, he put him right down in the lion's den. God sent angels, the lions to keep, so Daniel laid down and went to sleep. 2.) There was a man, a Pharisee, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again. Marvel not, man if you want to be wise: repent, believe and be baptized."*

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## MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

## SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

## PREPARATION FOR PRAYER #2157

The Faith We Sing

"Come and Fill Our Hearts".....CONFITEMINI DOMINO  
***Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.***

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!***

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## SILENT PRAYER

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## 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 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.***

WORSHIP NOTES

The text to the anthem is the beloved Psalm 23, often called The Good Shepherd Psalm. Howard Goodall is an award-winning contemporary British composer who has composed music for church, stage, films and television. This particular sacred setting of Psalm 23 was heard during the opening credits of a British television sitcom called, "The Vicar of Dibley" that aired from 1994-2000 on BBC and PBS television.

The Doxology is a hymn of praise to God that is Trinitarian in nature praising God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The text is an altered version of the original text from 1674 and was written in 1974 by Rev. Dr. Gilbert Vieira, United Methodist minister in the San Francisco Bay area of California. The tune is a German Catholic tune dating from 1623. The harmonization was created in 1906 by the great British composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The Hymn of Dedication was written and composed in 1987 by John Bell, a leader in the Iona religious community in Iona, Scotland. It is one of his most-famous hymns. The text is a series of questions a follower of Jesus must answer. The tune is a traditional Scottish ballad named after a section of Glasgow, Scotland.

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir

*"The Lord is My Shepherd".....Howard Goodall  
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, you will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - *God is Love*

1 John 4: 7-21

Bible, pg. 241

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

† GOSPEL LESSON - *Jesus, the Good Shepherd*

John 10: 11-18

Bible, pg. 102

This is the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - *"The Good Shepherd Brand"*

Rev. Dr. Jay Parkins

THE OFFERTORY

*"Interlude 16".....Philip Moore*

† DOXOLOGY #94

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!**

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† HYMN OF RESPONSE #2130

The Faith We Sing

*"The Summons".....KELVINGROVE*

† BENEDICTION

The Good Shepherd leads us forward, from this place,  
into the world to serve God's people,  
to witness to God's love in all that we do.  
Go in peace and God's peace will go with you.  
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

† CHORAL RESPONSE

*"Amen".....Peter Lutkin*

† VOLUNTARY

*"Maestoso" from Sonata III .....Felix Mendelssohn*