

LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 3, 2020
11:00 a.m. Worship
4th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Even if I live a life of luxury and abundance,
the Lord is my shepherd.

**People: Even if I pass through the darkest alleys in
the roughest neighborhoods, the Lord is my shepherd.**

Leader: Even if I come upon people who wish to do me harm,
the Lord is my shepherd.

**People: Even when my cup overflows, the Lord is my shepherd.
We will live in God's house forever.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*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.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PERSONAL AND PRIVATE COFFESION OF SIN

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess we have been less than welcoming. It is easy to shut the gates of your realm on those with whom we disagree. It is easy to shut the gates of your realm on those who do not fit our idea of what a follower of Christ looks like, or acts like, or lives like. We confess that we have been gatekeepers instead of open gates. Grant us the courage to open wide the gates of your realm so that all may enter. Grant us the blessing of opened hearts and opened minds, opened arms, and opened doors with which to embrace all of your world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

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. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10: 1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He call his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

THE SERMON

Dr. Rix Threadgill

“Shepherd Lead Us”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING