



SOTC Virtual Worship
May 3, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

WELCOME

OPENING LITANY

Congregation is invited to light their candle as a sign of God's presence with us as we begin worship.

Jesus says, I AM the good shepherd:
**the one who tends us,
guides us into pastures,
who recognizes the sound of our names.**

Jesus says, I AM the good shepherd:
**the one who bends to heal us,
travels through the deepest valleys with us,
who willingly gave everything for us all.**

Jesus says, I AM the good shepherd:
**the one whose rod and staff comfort us
whose strength and love holds us
whose cup of love runs over.**

Jesus says, I AM the good shepherd:
**and even now,
in life and in death, together or apart,
we will all dwell in the house of the Lord forever**

So let us gather in prayer and in song,
**with our Good Shepherd,
as God's People
in God's love
for God's world.**

GATHERING SONG – Kyrie

REFRAIN: ALL

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer -
- cy up - on us.
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Christ, have mer -
- cy up - on us.

LEADER: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord...

(TO REFRAIN)

LEADER: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord...

(TO REFRAIN)

LEADER: For this holy house, for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord...

(TO REFRAIN)

LEADER: Help, save, comfort and defend us, Gracious Lord.

ALL:

A - men, A - - - - men. *rit.*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Shepherd, call our name and lead us on safely, even as we walk through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, and bring us in certainty and security to the joyous feast you have prepared for us and all your saints. We pray this in the name of the one who gave his life for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

Amen.

WORD

PSALM: PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

³he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

**⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;**

**for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.**

READING: JOHN 10:1-10

Jesus said: ¹“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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

REFLECTION – *Bishop Michael Burk*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer." If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at pastoraleesebaldwin@gmail.com

MEAL

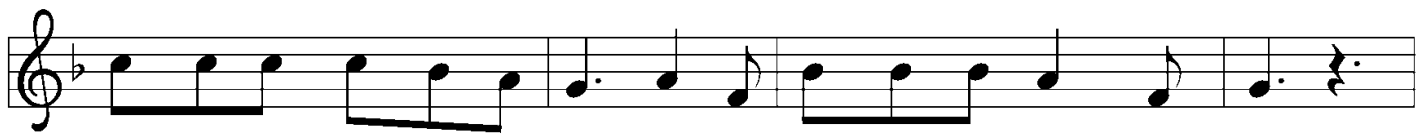
SONG: *Come to the Table*



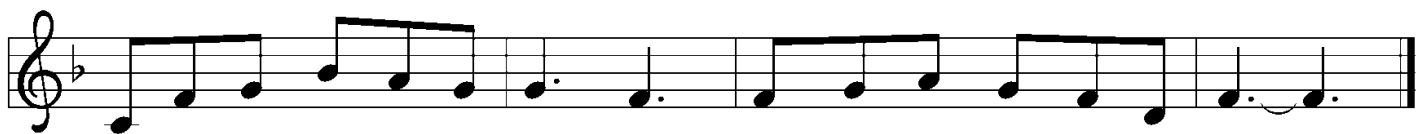
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

You are encouraged to share bread/crackers and wine/grape juice with those in your household, saying "The body of Christ, given for you," and "the blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are by yourself, hear the words proclaimed by Pastor Aleese as words spoken for you. All are welcome to share in God's feast that makes us one.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the blessing of the one who brought forth Jesus from the dead,
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

All are invited to share the sign of the peace with those in their homes or via text/phone call/virtually with others in the congregation!