

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023

Welcoming and Announcements

Centring Music: Sanctus

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**May his light burn warmly within us
and shine brightly out from us
for all the world to recognize.**

Opening Hymn: This Is the Day

(Voices United 412, vs. 1, 3 & 4)

Words: v. 1 unknown; vv. 2, 3 R. Gerald Hobbs 1987, 1995

Music: Fijian folk melody; arr. Darryl Nixon 1987

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1 This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

2 Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.

4 This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Opening Prayer

We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,
who calls us each by name,
who restores our souls,
who leads us in the way of righteousness,
and whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us.
This is the God we have come to worship!

The Lord's Prayer

A Time to Wonder

Solo: What a Beautiful Name

*words and music by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood
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Scripture Reading

The New Testament: Acts 2:42-47

The Gospel: John 10:1-10

Reflection

Hymn of the Day: Are You a Shepherd? (More Voices 126)

Words: Ruth Duck, 2002; Music: William P. Rowan. 2002

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1. Are you a shepherd,
good shepherd who leads us
safely through danger,
while calming our fears?
Are you a father
who shelters and feeds us,
shares in our laughter
and wipes away tears?

Refrain Yes, you are shepherd,
parent and teacher,
but you are greater
than all that we know.
Holy and living,
loving and giving,
God, you are with us
wherever we go.

2. Are you a mother,
good mother who bears us,
comforts, protects us
and helps us to rest?
Are you a teacher
who daily prepares us,
challenging students
to offer their best? *Refrain*

3. Great, gentle shepherd,
forever beside us,
lead all your children
in paths that are right.
Great, loving parent,
wise teacher, you guide us.
We want to love you
and bring you delight. *Refrain*

Invitation to Offering

Sung Response: **Now Thank We All Our God**
(Voices United 236, v. 3)

Words: Martin Rinckart ca. 1636; trans. Catherine Winkworth 1858, alt.

Fr. Tr. Flossette du Pasquier 1950 rév.; Music: John Crüger 1647

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All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Offering Prayer

Bless the gifts we offer.

Bless we who offer them.

Bless those who will, in turn, be touched.

May this circle of blessing be pleasing in your sight, O God.

Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Parting Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me

(Voices United 567, vs. 1, 4 and 5)

Words: The Iona Community

Music: Scottish traditional; arr. The Iona Community 1987

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- 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Benediction

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

Postlude: Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us by Wm. Bradbury

Worship Leadership - Pastor Nancy Walker and Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leadership – Glenn Parsons and The Band (Joe Bradley,
Lynn Dennis, Stephen Godfrey, Kate Insley,
Kathy Rassenti and Allen Specht)
Chime Choir – led by Margaret Chambers
Solo – Peggy Dayton
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Scripture Reading – Kate Insley
Spirit Kids – Leslie Moffat
Greeters – Grace Lindsay and Barbara Shobbrook
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Bob Krueckl
Fellowship Time – Caring Ministry