

# Fourth Sunday of Easter



Sunday, May 3  
10:45 service

Prelude *Concerto for flute and oboe* Johann David Heinichen (1683-1729)  
(*Allegro, Largo, Vivace*)  
Fiume di Musica

Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Opening Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH 127

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
where the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever sing to thee,  
I will ever sing to thee.

Call to Worship Reverend Ann Duncan

Leader: The God of all shepherds has called us here.  
**People: We come today celebrating God's love for us.**

Leader: The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.  
**People: We come today thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.**

Leader: The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.  
**All: We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God. Let us worship!**

## Invitation to the Offering

## Offertory Prayer

**Dear Lord, our God, you guide us as a loving shepherd. In your presence, our spirits are renewed. In your wisdom, we discover peace. In fellowship together, we find ways to share your good news with others. As we enjoy your blessings, help us to give from our abundance with glad and generous hearts. We dedicate these tithes and offerings in the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his flock. Amen.**

## Offertory

*How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou*  
*In honor of Dupré's birthday, today, May 3, 1886*  
 Diane Keller, Organist

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

## Doxology

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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## Pastoral Prayer

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Creator of heaven and earth. We slept under your heavenly sky last night and we are grateful to find ourselves alive to the dawning of a new day. We thank you for another opportunity to live in your presence, connected to your love. Thank you for all of your creation.

Loving Creator Lord, like sheep we stand at the gate, unsure about which way to go. Our journey ahead runs through rocky paths, steep mountains surround us, and our footing underneath us is unsteady. But you have called our names, and in your voice we hear such love and surety.

Lord, help us approach the gate of this sheepfold with confidence. Let us walk through from our fears and doubts to lands of hope and peace, trusting in you our Creator God; The Good Shepherd. Lord you are The Good Shepherd who seeks us, and compels us to lay down in green pastures. You are The Good Shepherd who gives us refreshing waters and restores our souls. You are The Good Shepherd who cares for us in uncountable ways, with miraculous feats of grace and mercy. Lord, we are grateful for your mercy, because we are stubborn; yet you gently call our names, reminding us and transforming us with your eternal love.

Lord, we lift the world before you and ask for your merciful intervention. Use your rod and your staff to save us. Help us place our trust in you. Lead us with your wisdom out of this valley and shadow of death. May your anointing reveal an equitable way forward for the world. Help us reach out to others with this confidence because of your love for us. We make this request in Christ's name. And the people prayed the Lord's prayer together:

## Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, 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.

Anthem *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

Kristen Gillespie, flute, Julianne Stafford, Oboe & Nancy Whitecar, Organ

If thou but suffer God to guide thee  
And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,  
And bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
Builds on the Rock that naught can move.

Be patient and await His leisure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure  
And His discerning love hath sent,  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known  
To Him who chose us for His own.  
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Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word, though undeserving,  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

Scripture *Luke 24:13-25* The King Family

Hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* UMH 138, v. 1, 4, 6

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

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Communion Liturgy

Musical Setting E, UMH p. 24-25

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 right, and a good and joyful thing everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (p. 25)**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**(p. 25)**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, so that through them, we may be Christ's body alive in the world. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen. (p. 25)**

Closing Hymn

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear, O hear us when we pray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
We will early turn to Thee;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
We will early turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor,  
Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With Thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Benediction

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*Alleluia*

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Postlude

*Poco vivace*

Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

