



Clothing Body
and Soul

The Clothing Church

First Presbyterian Church, Plano, TX

SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORDS DAY
APRIL 21, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*This * means please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

"The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"

"Dominus Regit Me,"
J. B. Dykes/S. E. Rogers

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION:

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

J. S. Irvine/S. Wright

***CALL TO WORSHIP Please stand**

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our Shepherd.

People: He lays down his life for his sheep.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our Shepherd.

People: He knows us, and we belong to him.

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our Shepherd.

People: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***OPENING HYMN #187**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Pease be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean, and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.

(moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Please Stand

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Greet one another with a sign of peace.

*PEACE RESPONSE HYMN #172 (no repeats) *"Blest Are They"*

*"Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!"*

Please be seated

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Psalm)

Psalm 23

SPECIAL MUSIC

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"
Arranged by Mark Hayes

Soloist: Kurt Thomas

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (New Testament)

John 10:11-18

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING (Epistle)

Acts 4:5-12

SERMON

*"Who gave you the authority?"
"Important question – bold answer"*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please rise

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed)

ALL: 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 Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from

the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Holy God, Good Shepherd, we turn to you in prayer because we need a leader, someone we can trust, someone who can show us the way in complicated and confusing times.

People: Guide us, Good Shepherd.

Pastor: The world's problems overwhelm. The burden of suffering is great. We bear witness to tragedy after tragedy on the evening news as wolves circle your innocent sheep, threatening our hope for a just world, a path to peace and a unified kingdom. What can we do, God? How can we be of help? What power do we have to transform evil to good?

People: Guide us, Good Shepherd.

Pastor: When we doubt our worth and our belovedness, remind us that we are yours, that we belong, that we have place within your flock. Remind us and comfort us with the knowledge that in body and in soul, in life and in death we belong to you, our Savior and Shepherd. Unite your flock with your love and help us be as welcoming of others as you are to us.

People: Guide us, Good Shepherd.

Pastor: Just as the shepherd knows each of his sheep, help us to know and care for the individuals that are in particular need of your merciful grace. Hear our prayers for:

- The innocent caught in the cross hairs of war...
- Soldiers suffering from moral injury and PTSD...
- The sick and those who care for them...
- The grieving, the exhausted, the depressed...
- Those in need of resurrection hope...

People: Guide us, Good Shepherd, to see them and know them.

Pastor: Now hear us as we pray together the prayer our Savior taught us saying,

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.

Please rise

***CLOSING HYMN #353** *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

***CHARGE**

***BLESSING**

***SEVEN-FOLD AMEN**

***POSTLUDE** *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* W. B. Bradbury/J. Pethel

Participants in worship:

Pastor – Tracy Ebarb

Liturgist – Marty Saylor

Cantor – Kurt Thomas

Pianist/Organist – Marcy Lasseter

Greeters – Keith & Linna Bringe

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