

# THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 26, 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

11:00 a.m.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Rejoice, O My Soul*

R. Schumann

INTROIT

*Shepherd Me, O God*

SHEPHERD ME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 23)

Leader: Because You are our Shepherd, O LORD, we shall not want.

**People: You make us lie down in green pastures; You lead us beside still waters; You restore our souls.**

Leader: You lead us in right paths for Your name's sake.

**People: Even though we walk through the darkest valley, we fear no evil.**

Leader: For You, O LORD, are with us; Your rod and staff—they comfort us.

**People: You prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies; You anoint our heads with oil; our cups overflow.**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.

**People: We shall dwell in Your house, O LORD, forever.**

\*HYMN #172

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
verses 1 and 3

RESIGNATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God: in Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, You have called us to follow You, but we have not done what You command. We are often silent when we should speak, we sow seeds of discord rather than peace, we withhold our love from those who need it most, and we are useless when we should be useful. Hear us as we confess to You our sin. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and forgive our sins. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we may delight in Your will, and live as the sheep of Your flock, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

*Night Is Over*

Landry

Jordan Durham, baritone soloist

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**John 10:1-10**

**New Testament, p. 79**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

SERMON

**"The Other Side of the Door"**

Dr. Curtis Christian

\*HYMN #387

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
verses 1 and 2

BRADBURY

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #108

*Christ is Alive!*  
verses 1 and 3

TRURO

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Shepherd Me, O God*

SHEPHERD ME

\*POSTLUDE

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\*Those who are able, please stand

\*\*\*Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is David Coleman.