



ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 25th, 2021 11:00 am Fourth Sunday of Easter

☼ please stand – in body or in spirit ☼

GATHERING

PRELUDE & CHIMES "The Good Shepherd"
by Carl Wilhem Kern
JoAnn Pendley, Pianist & Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jill Webb, Worship Leader

WE APPROACH GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP Jill Webb

Leader: God gathers us from many different places.
No one is worthy, but all are invited.

People: God lifts us up when we stumble, and leads us back to the flock.
God cares for us amid our pain and losses.

Leader: Taste and see how good God really is.
Trust in the One who awakens joy in place of tears.

People: Though it is our nature to have doubts and fears,
Like the disciple Thomas, we will proclaim, "My Lord and My God."

☼ CALL TO CONFESSION

☼ PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, you are the Good Shepherd who attends to our needs, but we fail to see your abundant life in our midst. We see only scarcity. Our consumer culture has engraved upon us the message that we are "not enough" – not beautiful or handsome enough, not smart enough, not rich enough. At the core of our being, we believe that we are "not enough." Help us to see that we are your beloved children, created in your image. And help us to live out of your goodness.

(service continues)

☼ MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION /ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

.....Jill Webb, Worship Leader

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATIONMark Wilson, Guest Speaker

SCRIPTURE READINGSOld Testament: Psalm 23

.....Old Testament: Judges 6:11-16

.....New Testament: John 20:19-31

.....New Testament: Luke 24:36-43

SERMON "Honest Doubt and a Growing Faith"
Mark Wilson

TIME OF REFLECTION "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"
arranged by Cindy Berry
JoAnn Pendley, Pianist & Organist

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

☼ STATEMENT OF FAITH - APOSTLES CREED (unison)

JOYS & CONCERNSJill Webb

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLEMark Wilson

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SENDING

☼ CHARGE & BLESSINGMark Wilson

POSTLUDE "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"
by Samuel McFarland
JoAnn Pendley, Pianist & Organist

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!

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