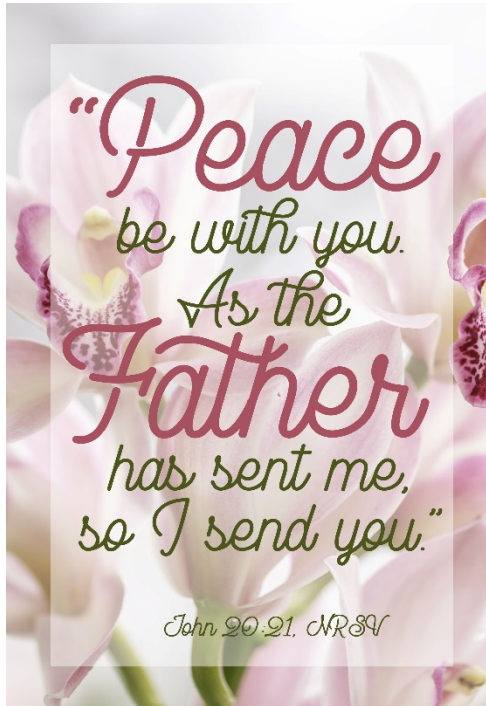


Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024

Contemporary Worship



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INTRODUCTION

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are you who walk in faith;
We will rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you when light shines in the darkness;
We will show mercy and love!

Blessed are you whom God remembers;
We will never be shaken!

You Made A Way

Standing here not knowing how we'll
get through this test
But holding unto faith You know best
Nothing can catch You by surprise
You got this figured out and You're
watching us now
But when it looks as if we can't win
You wrap us in Your arms and step in
And everything we need You supply
You got this in control
And now we know that

You made a way
When our backs were against the wall
And it looked as if it was over
You made a way
And we're standing here
Only because You made a way

And now we're here
Looking back on where we come from
Because of You and nothing we've done
To deserve the love and mercy You've
shown
But Your grace was strong enough to
pick us up

[Chorus 2x]

You made a way *(1st time only)*
When our backs were against the wall
And it looked as if it was over
You made a way
And we're standing here
Only because You made a way

[Bridge 2x] You move mountains
You cause walls to fall
With Your power
Perform miracles
There is nothing that's impossible
And we're standing here
Only because You made a way

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please sit

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 133 (Read in unison)

**¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!**

**²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

**³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according John. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

Please stand

This I Believe

**THIS I BELIEVE
(The Creed)**

VERSE 1

**Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior**

CHORUS

**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

Instrumental Intrude

VERSE 2

**Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high**

CHORUS

**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

BRIDGE

**I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
[x2]**

CHORUS [x2]

**For I believe in the name of Jesus
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you. Grant us your peace amid our fears. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

The gifts we use and share matter! Thank you for sharing your gifts for the sake of the world. Use the green Give button on our church's website to support our mission of nurturing lives for following Christ. Offering baskets can be found in the back pews.

CHOIR MUSIC

Better Than A Hallelujah

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy Is The Lord

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please sit

LAMB OF GOD



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, when your Son Jesus gathered a crowd and blessed the loaves and fish, all ate and were filled. And still there was more. In your love and care, extend this meal to all who will come after to receive it. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence and the courage to be the body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY TIME

BLESSING

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Please stand

SENDING HYMN – *Who You Say I Am*

Who am I that the highest King, would
welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in, Oh His
love for me
Oh His love for me

[CHORUS]

Who the Son sets free, oh is free
indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am

Free at last he has ransomed me, His
grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for
me
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free, oh is free
indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house, there's a place
for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am

[BRIDGE 2X]

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

[TAG]

I am who You say I am

[CHORUS]

Who the Son sets free, oh is free
indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house, there's a place
for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am

[TAG]

In my Father's house, there's a place
for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am

[INSTRUMENTAL 8mm]

[BRIDGE 3X]

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

[TAG]

Oh I am who You say I am
Yes I am who You say I am

[CHORUS]

Who the Son sets free, oh is free
indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house, there's a place
for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, nurturing lives for following Christ.

Thanks be to God!

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"You Made A Way"

"Better Than A Hallelujah"

"Who You Say I Am"

New members

Interested in becoming a member of Good Shepherd? Curious about what that means, or what your next step is? Come to a **casual reception after worship on April 7th** with Pastor Keith to learn more. Or: get in touch with Pastor Keith some other way. New members will be received in worship on April 28th.

**Bible Study on Attention (online)
Wednesdays at noon starting April 10th**

attention

Pastor Keith will be starting the next online bible study on the topic of "Attention." What demands our attention? Where do we notice God? We will look to biblical wisdom as well as the contribution of artists

to lead us. We'll meet at a new time as well: **Wednesdays at noon, starting April 10th.** [Join Zoom on your lunch break!](#)

The Chosen, Season 4

Tuesdays at 6:30pm starting April 9th

Have you heard of *The Chosen*? It's a well-produced series that follows the story of Jesus and his disciples. The first three seasons [are free online](#), but the current fourth season is only available for church screenings. Good Shepherd will host viewings on Tuesday evenings, and the first three are: **April 9th, 16th, & 23rd. We'll start at 6:30pm.** There will be an opportunity after each episode to discuss, as well.



**Our Stewardship
For the month ending March 31 2024**

	Church	Little Lambs
Needed monthly	\$ 28,324.92	\$ 54,174.25
Giving/Income for the month	13,728.63	61,042.02
Monthly Expenses	\$ 23,144.92	\$ 62,355.52
Giving/Income YTD	42,351.04	222,540.94
Expenses YTD	71,848.90	193,402.72
Estimated Cost for Roof and Renovations		\$ 150,000.00
Total Paid Out for Roof and Renovations so far		\$ 123,494.00
Contributions towards Roof and Renovations		\$ 24,155.35

He is Risen Indeed!

On Easter Sunday, Good Shepherd gathered to hear the Good News of the Resurrection once again. We sang in praise together, we ate together, and even gathered eggs together. The day was brightened by the work of many people behind the scenes. Many thanks to those who spruced up the property, prepared the sanctuary with linens, lilies, and banners. Thanks to those who brought food or helped set up or prepare for our Messy Church Easter Fellowship and Continental Breakfast and Egg Hunt (a long name for a short and sweet event.)



Thank you!

