

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed *(the congregation uniting)*

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our LORD,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again 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 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 life everlasting.

Amen.

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| * Gloria Patri No. 581 | "Glory Be to the Father" | <i>Gloria Patri</i> |
| * Hymn No. 718 | "Take Up Your Cross the Savior Said" | <i>Bourbon</i> |
| Ritual of Friendship | | |
| Moment for Mission | Urban Promise | |
| The Giving of Tithes and Offerings | | |
| Offertory Anthem | "All Things Bright and Beautiful" | <i>Rutter</i> |
| Prayer of Dedication | | |
| * Hymn No. 801 | "The LORD is My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" | <i>Crimond</i> |
| Charge and Blessing | | |
| Song of Sending | "May The Road" | |
| Postlude | | |

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Participants in Today's Service

Worship today was planned by members of LIFT.

The roses and flowers on the retable are dedicated by John and Diane Danzeisen in honor of all women who love and care for others, especially mothers.



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May 12, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Mothers' Day



Leader: God of healing and God of rest, at this day's light we come to you.

People: Lift us from the burdens of our days.

Scripture

Psalm 23

Personal Prayer

Holy God, your world is magnificent. Yet we forget to acknowledge your beauty and the mystery of your inner workings. Help us now to thank you in the midst of our daily cares. Make us again receivers of your life, sharers of your gifts, servants of you and one another, and seekers of your wisdom. Amen.

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

WE APPROACH GOD

Opening Songs

* **Call to Worship** (*Please stand and join responsively*)

Leader: God is good; God's steadfast love lasts forever.

People: We know it, we believe it, we proclaim it!

Leader: God is good; God's steadfast love lasts forever

People: Those who thirst for new life are satisfied; those who hunger for the living Word are filled!

Leader: God is good; God's love lasts forever.

People: The imprisoned ones know freedom; sinners know pardon!

Leader: God is good; God's steadfast love lasts forever

People: The powerful are humbled; the needy are raised up from their distress.

Leader: God is good!

People: God's steadfast love lasts forever.

* **Prayer of Invocation** (*The congregation uniting*)

Leader: Dear God, you are always with us no matter what the situation.

People: You stay with us in the moments of reflection and confession.

Leader: You are with us, reminding us of all that sustains us a faith community,

People: our common life of faith, and our encouragement of one another.

Leader: You are with us as we make clear your realm of love and justice beyond this church

People: You are an inspiration for mission; you are at the heart of our service to one other.

People: You remind of the demand and call to discipleship, of our need to confront the dark, self-serving powers.

All: On this day, we gather to worship and praise you. Amen

* Hymn No. 187

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Bradbury

Prayer of Confession *(The congregation uniting)*

All: Dear God, we confess our sins, and want to have peace. We confess that we haven't lived lives of peace, that we have had doubts and that we have all sinned and fallen short. In these moments of honest, we are thankful that you love us and forgive us in spite of all of these sins and shortcomings. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear this Good news and these words of scripture. God has love everlasting, pure love. God will forgive us for all that we do. The scriptures say, do not fear, says the LORD, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing, now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading

Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

Leader: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

People: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Anthem	<i>"The Lord Is My Shepherd"</i>	<i>Harmon</i>
First Reading	Numbers 21:4-9	O.T. page 130
Second Reading	Luke 17:11-19	N.T. page 70
Junior Choir Anthem	<i>"Batid las Manos!"</i> <i>(Clap Your Hands)</i>	<i>Burrows</i>
Parable Time		
Sermon	<i>"God's Care"</i>	Pastor Emma