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Sunday, April 21, 2024 10:00AM Fourth Sunday of Easter

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude When We Are Living

arr. Bert Carlson

Welcome to all — especially to our guests.
Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)
Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)
Children are excused to Sunday School after the Passing of the Peace.

*Please stand as you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 23)

Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

Gospel Praise

Order My Steps In Your Word Gospel Choir

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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 judgement; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you!

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

Response GTG #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! (3X)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

(Sung twice)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 23

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

At the River

arr. Aaron Copland

Chancel Choir

Second Reading

Acts 4:1-22

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Affirmation of Faith (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*Hymn AAHH #127 Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee

Call to Offering

Invitation to Offering

Organ Offertory Intermezzo Gerald Bales

*Doxology GTG #606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

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.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn GTG #384

Soon and Very Soon

*Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on 'Hyfrydol'

Bert Carlson

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshiping.

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director Sean Neall, Liturgist

* Please stand as you are able.

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FATHER, I STRETCH MY HANDS TO THEE 127

I stretch out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Tune: MARTYRDOM, CM; Hugh Wilson, 1766-1824; arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.



This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3–4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer and that there will be no more mourning or pain.