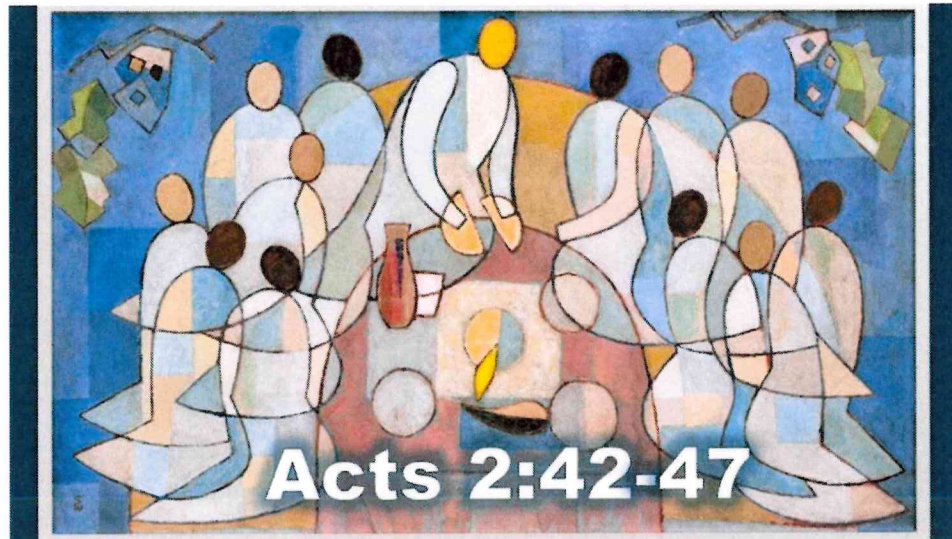




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Sunday, April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Obey the Spirit of the Lord arr. Robert Decormier
Combined Chancel and Gospel Choirs; Victor Boyd, soloist

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Children are invited to Church School following the Passing of the Peace.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

Hymns labeled OLOFOB are for your listening pleasure.

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Our Good Shepherd calls.

He knows us each by our name.

Our Good Shepherd leads.

We are here to listen and to follow.

Our Good Shepherd protects and provides.

We give thanks and praise for our Good Shepherd.

Gospel Praise AAHH #679 Lord I Have Seen Thy Salvation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Savior God, you beckon us, but we do not heed your call.

**You gather us, but we wander away losing ourselves in false
and superficial comforts. You speak truth,
but we fail to hear and respond.**

Good Shepherd, do not give up on us.

Redeem us. Restore us.

Resurrect us for life in Christ. 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 AAHH #642

Halle, Halle, Halle
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (3x)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

John 10: 1-10

Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd Thomas Matthews
Chancel Choir; Melinda Younkin, soloist

Second Reading

Acts 2: 42-47

Message

Living Into the "Ideal" Church

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Affirmation of Faith

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

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn AAHH #343 Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries Restore

Call to Offering

We are cautious as we gather for worship. We are not currently passing an offering plate. We have placed an offering plate outside the sanctuary where you may place your offerings.

Invitation to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

***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.

Prayers of Intercession

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

*Closing Hymn GTG #769 For Everyone Born

*Benediction

Postlude The Modal Trumpet Frederick Karam

(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 worshipping.)

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Karen Stunkel, Interim Pastor
The Rev. TC Anderson, Director of Faith Formation
Mr. Dalos Grobe, Organist/Choir Director
Mr. Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director
Angel Zama, Liturgist

*Those who are able may stand.

Today's Anthem

I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing, I'm gonna shout, pray and obey the spirit of the Lord. I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing, halleluia. Let the earth be glad, O let the sea be moved, let the fields be filled with joy...For the earth is His, yes, He made the hills and He sits on a heavenly throne. I'm gonna obey the spirit of the Lord.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Westminster Church of Detroit News

Pastor Nominating Committee Update for April

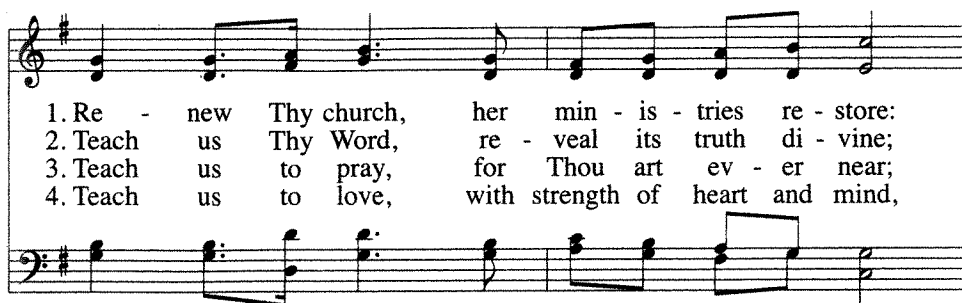
We have been on this journey with you, the congregation, for a while. Experiencing joys and occasional disappointments, we remain committed to selecting the right candidate for our community of faith. The PNC asks for you to remain faithful to this process by attending worship on a regular basis, remaining current in your financial support of the church, participating in the life of the church, and praying for the success of the PNC process.

Recently, we have been asked if any of the guest preachers are candidates to be our installed pastor; the answer is no. The guest preachers allow Reverend Stunkel to use what would be her sermon preparation time to complete administrative tasks, such as updating the personnel and administrative manuals.

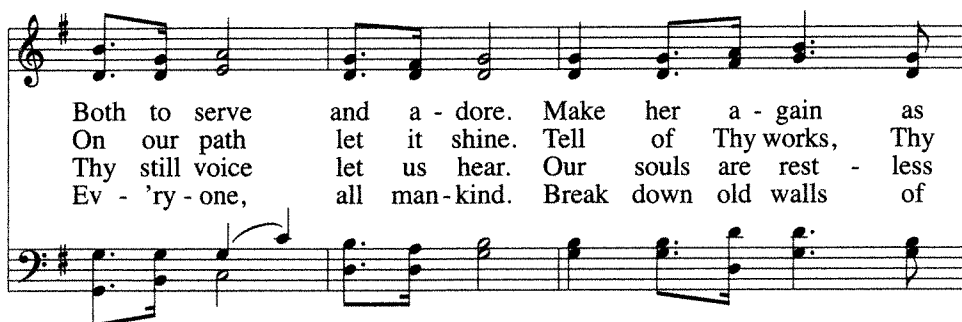
The PNC members are Co-chairs Bill Gourlay and Jann Palmer, Dawn Hicks, Jordan Palmer, and JoAnne White.

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*No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.
Matthew 5:15*



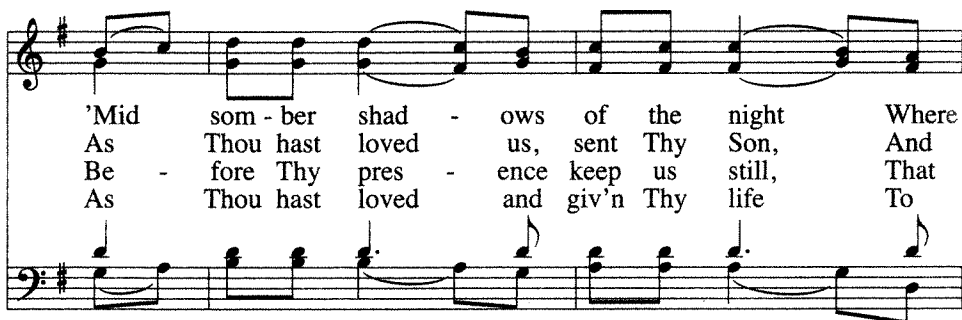
1. Re - new Thy church, her min - is - tries re - store:
 2. Teach us Thy Word, re - veal its truth di - vine;
 3. Teach us to pray, for Thou art ev - er near;
 4. Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind,



Both to serve and a - dore. Make her a - gain as
 On our path let it shine. Tell of Thy works, Thy
 Thy still voice let us hear. Our souls are rest - less
 Ev - 'ry - one, all man - kind. Break down old walls of



salt through-out the land, And as light from a stand.
 might - y acts of grace; From each page show Thy face.
 till they rest in Thee: This our glad des - ti - ny.
 prej - u - dice and hate; Leave us not to our fate.



'Mid som - ber shad - ows of the night Where
 As Thou hast loved us, sent Thy Son, And
 Be - fore Thy pres - ence keep us still, That
 As Thou hast loved and giv'n Thy life To

greed and ha - tred spread their blight, O send us forth with
 our sal - va - tion now is won, O let our hearts with
 we may find for us Thy will And seek Thy guid - ance
 end hos - til - i - ty and strife, O share Thy grace from

pow'r en - dued: Help us, Lord, be re - newed!
 love be stirred: Help us, Lord, know Thy Word!
 ev - 'ry day: Teach us, Lord, how to pray!
 heav'n a - bove: Teach us, Lord, how to love!

For Everyone Born

E *Leader or All* A2

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

E A2 Bsus B

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

F#m7 E/G# A2 Bsus

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E Bsus E Bsus

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain B *All* E E/G# A2 Bsus B

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E E/G# A2 Bsus B

joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m C#m/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus B E (E) *Fine* A2 E Bsus B

jus - tice and joy!