



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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May 8, 2022

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRELUDE

Sinfonia from “Abdelazer”
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Purcell/Martin

INTROIT

Let All the Peoples Praise You
Chancel Choir

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Callie Dollar

One: In the darkest valley,
ALL: *at the banquet table;*
One: in the hard work of life,
ALL: *at the moments of ease;*
One: in our day-to-day reality,
ALL: *at times set aside—*
One: like this time, now—
ALL: *for worship, for listening, for paying attention;*
One: with every step we take:
ALL: *goodness and mercy follow us; our cups overflow.*

***HYMN OF PRAISE: 39 Great is Thy Faithfulness**

FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Our sin is before us, leading us astray. Let us return to God through our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore,
know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

Many: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: (Hymn: 441)

NETTLETON

*I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: *And, also, with you.*

THE WORD

*HYMN: 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

RESIGNATION

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

CONFIRMATION + COMMISSIONING (see insert)

Rev. Courtney Bowen + Molly Richardson

John Patrick Dollar, Jr.

Graylynn Richardson

Jo'Hannah Ross

Finis Shoaf

Luke Thompson

Rayanna Williams

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Courtney Bowen

ACT OF PRAISE

Forth He Came at Easter

arr. by David H. Williams

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Callie Dollar

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23 (pg. 501)

Callie Dollar

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Many: *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL READING

John 10:21-30 (pg.104)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

SERMON

What He Told Us

Rev. Courtney Bowen

**Congregation standing, if able*

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Confirmation Statement of Faith* Callie Dollar

We believe God is the Creator of the entire universe, of all people and nations. Yet, in the person of Jesus Christ and through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, God is at work in our individual lives and hearts. We are all sinful in nature, yet Jesus forgives us and loves us despite our mistakes.

At the Communion table, Jesus gives us a share of the one bread and one cup and makes us into the body of Christ. In response, we believe we are called to show the love of Christ. This means caring for God's whole creation, working for justice for all people, striving for equality for all persons despite circumstances or beliefs, and sharing the Good News of the Gospel - that in Jesus Christ we will have life eternal, through the resurrection.

We are claimed by God in the waters of Baptism and as others are baptized into the church, we make covenant to care for and nurture them. The church is the body of Christ and we all need each other's gifts and talents to be whole. We are all called into discipleship and to make disciples.

We watch for God's coming kingdom, as we celebrate that Jesus is already come as the light of the world - born of Mary - and crucified and risen, and will come again. So, we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Dr. Terry McRoberts

Callie Dollar

arr. by Held

*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

*Dedicatory Prayer

Callie Dollar

*HYMN: 187 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

SENDING

***CHARGE + BENECTION**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude, and ask that you use the Postlude as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Dr. Terry McRoberts

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