

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are comfortable when the chimes ring. You are also invited to stand in body or spirit where marked with an asterisk (\*).*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.  
**Christ lays down his life for the sheep.**  
The Lamb of God will be our shepherd;  
**he will guide us to the water of life.**  
Let us worship God.

### \*OPENING PRAYER

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.**

### WELCOME

### \*HYMN # 172

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

### RESIGNATION

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

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

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

### GOODNESS IS STRONGER

*Goodness is Stronger than Evil*

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours, victory is ours through him who loved us.  
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## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43 (p. 128, New Testament)

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

### PSALM 23: Hymn #170

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

### CRIMOND

### GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30 (p. 104, New Testament)

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

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

*Second Chances*

### \*HYMN # 387

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

### BRADBURY

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Jesus, Good Shepherd*

B. Ellingboe

\*DOXOLOGY

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

EASTER HYMN

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

(see insert)

**SENDING**

\*HYMN # 171

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ST. COLUMBA

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2019  
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