

Worship Liturgy  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2020

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

**People: God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name.**

Leader: God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

**People: Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.**

Opening Prayer

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Song

Call to Confession

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, we confess to you and to one another  
that we have not always followed Christ's example.**

**When we have been abused,  
we have been abusive in return.**

**We have gone astray.**

**Lead us back to into your fold  
and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness. Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold, let us rejoice and be glad.

Song/Anthem

Prayer of Illumination

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into abundant life.

**Amen.**

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Acts 2:42-47

John 10:1-10

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Invitation to the Offering

Church, our God has prepared a table before us  
and our cup overflows.

So let us give as we are able  
as our way of praising God and giving to those in need.

Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Holy and Generous God,  
you have anointed us and we are yours.**

**Bless these tithes and offerings  
that they may become green pastures and still waters  
for any and all who need your comfort and restoration.  
Amen.**

Benediction