

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
4th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

arr. Wright

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything that I need.

I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn 245

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* 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 hurt, we have hurt others in return.

When we have suffered, we have created suffering for others.

You have promised green pastures and still waters,

but we have gone astray.

Good Shepherd, lead us back into your fold

and guard our souls in Jesus' name.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Easter Response (Hymnal 587)

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25 (NT, p. 233)

Psalter:

"The Lord My Shepherd"

White

Second Lesson: Acts 2:42-47 (NT, p. 120)

Sermon: "Is Easter Still Real?"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 316

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

A Minute on Making a Legacy

Offering

Offertory

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

arr. Hobby

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 515

"I Come with Joy"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen 601

* Postlude

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

arr.

Proulx

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Bonnie Plantholt to the Glory of God and in memory of her parents, Erwin and Dorothy Eckstein, and her brother, Alan.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Phil Muntzel
Ushers	Andrew Taylor, Wayne Griffiths
Welcomers	Betty Keen



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to their number



And day by day the Lord added



those who were being saved.



Acts 2:47



1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.