

The Church at Worship

**Those who are able are invited to stand.
Congregational responses and unison readings are indicated in bold.*

The Gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, we trust in your unfailing love in your promises. We know that all we have is because of you. We give you this day and all that it holds. May we walk in your goodness, knowing your gentle hand will guide us and keep us. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by Psalm 23)*

Leader: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

People: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

Leader: Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

People: Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long

*HYMN OF PRAISE *We Gather Together* # 597

CALL TO CONFESSION

The joy of this Easter season continues as we are called to Word and worship. Let us pause to confess our sins to our Good Shepherd.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and

judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.

(Moment for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God, Amen.

The Response to Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri* #620

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: *The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ which passes all understanding be with you all.*

All: And also with you.

(Please turn to those around you and extend the hand of peace and friendship)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Only Trust Him* # 361

The Word

SERMON *"Oh! The Pressures of Being a Christian"*
RE Cindy Lanphear

The Response

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostle's Creed*

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.

The Eucharist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**DOXOLOGY* # 623

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all people here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father; Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Sending

*CLOSING HYMN *Living for Jesus* # 413

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be With You* #583

POSTLUDE

Congregational Care

Irene Booth, aunt of Louan Pyron; Rosemary Harris and her helper Linda; Ethan, friend of Nebe; Alex Lanphear; Lee Franklin Laster & wife, Darlene; Emma Lollar; Jan Pennington; Terry Thomas, the Rev. Tracy Williams; those unable to attend church and those serving in the military, as missionaries and in works of mercy and relief around the world and their families.

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The Leadership of the Church

SESSION serves as the governing council of the church.

Current members of the Session are:
The Rev. Ron Jones, Moderator
Louan Pyron, Clerk
Cindy Lanphear, Treasurer

Class of 2024
Linda McDougal
Chris Lanphear

Class of 2025
Stephen Fyr
Ann Pfeifler

Class of 2026
Louan Pyron
Maribeth Laster

 NOTES FROM TODAY'S LESSONS

HARMONY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Worship 10:00 a.m.