

Presque Isle Congregational Church

May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Easter

Greeting

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome

Introit

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Opening Prayer (unison)

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people, grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name and follow where he leads. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

adapted from Parker Palmer

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, holy and blessed is your true name.

We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done.

Let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none.

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one.

Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days — come swiftly Mother, Father, come.

For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: forever and ever. Amen

*** Hymn**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

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Prayer of Confession

Gentle Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to lead us astray. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.

Two Minute Message

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; he leads me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil;
my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

John 10: 11- 18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Choral Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Proclamation

All In

Prayers of the People

* Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

- How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord...
 - Fear not I am with you, O be not afraid...
- When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie...
 - The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose...

* Benediction

Though the way seems long and the road rough

Yet will we trust the One who leads us.

Though the direction is unknown and we don't know the outcome

Yet will we place our lives in Christ's loving care.

It is Christ who brings us out to green pastures and restores our souls.

It is Christ who gives us hope and peace. Praise be to Christ our Lord. AMEN.