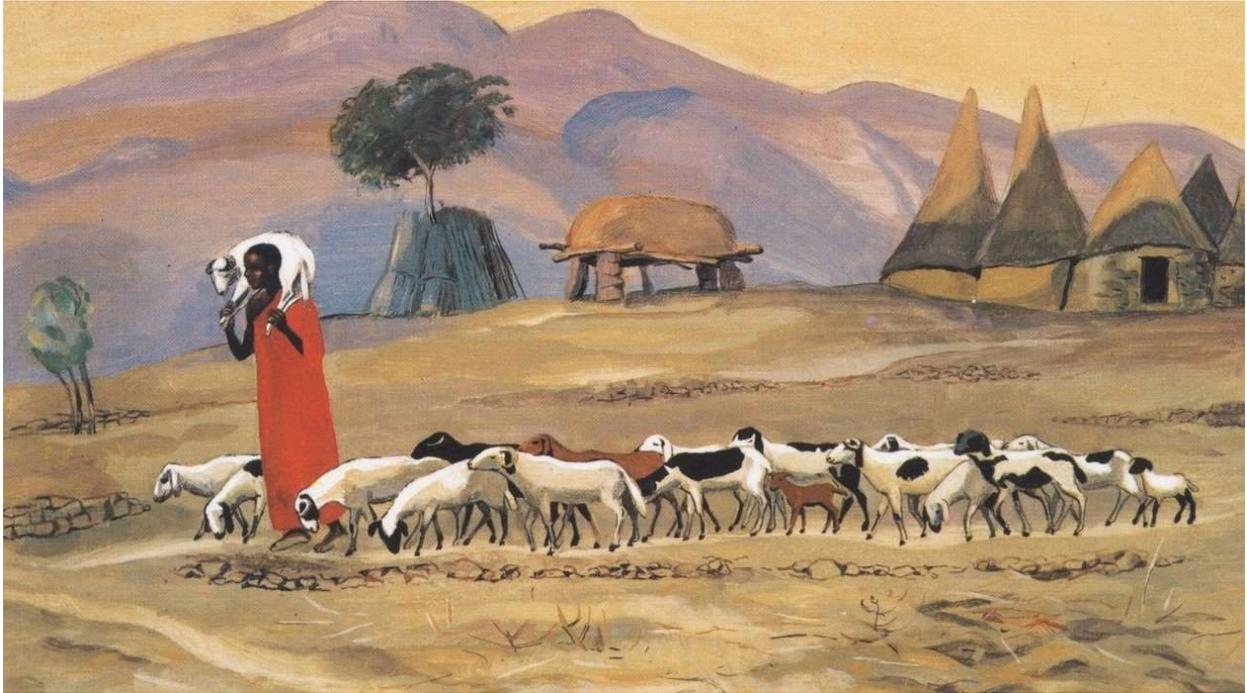


Southminster Presbyterian Church



A Service for the Worship of God

**April 25, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Preparation for Worship:

If you have a candle, you can light it in your worship space as we begin the service.

GATHERING

Prelude

Jim Pera

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gretchen Cleaves

Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship the Good Shepherd,

All: who lays down his life for his sheep.

One: We gather to worship Jesus Christ,

All: who calls us to lay down our lives for others.

One: Easter people, Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Hymn # 610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

omit verse 4

Prayer of Adoration and Praise

Holy God, we praise you for there is nothing that can stop your love for us. We are now and always Resurrection people. We know that death does not have the final word. Jesus, we give thanks that you know our fears, our doubts, and our worries. Instead of condemnation, you meet us right where we are, showing us grace. In gratitude for your life-changing, world-altering, awe-inspiring acts of love, we give you all our worship, praise and glory. Alleluia!

Celtic Alleluia

The image shows a musical score for a Celtic Alleluia. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first staff begins with a measure number '5' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff begins with a measure number '9' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.' The third staff begins with a measure number '12' and contains the lyrics 'Je - sus we praise you as Lord; All of the earth gives you'. The fourth staff continues the lyrics 'glo - ry for your ma - jes-ty — fills the hea-ven, fills the earth.'

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Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gretchen Cleaves

Scripture

Psalm 23

Children's Time

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

Anthem

"Shepherd Me, Oh God"
Vocal Ensemble (pre-recorded)

arr. Mark Hayes

Scripture

John 10:11-18

Sermon

"The Good Shepherd"

Rev. Laura Nile Tuell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from a Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn # 187 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” *omit verse 3*

Presentation of Offerings *Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong*
If you would like to give online, please go to www.sminster.com/give where you can give once or set-up a recurring monthly offering to the church. You can also mail your offering to the church office. If you are in the Sanctuary, you can place your offering in the container in the Narthex after the service.

Presentation Hymn # 233 “The Day of Resurrection” *verse 3*

**Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen,
Our joy that hath no end.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn # 353 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” *omit verse 3*

Benediction *Rev. Laura Nile Tuell*

Postlude *Jim Pera*



The flowers were given to the glory of God by Marilyn Kemper and her family in loving memory of her husband, Jack Kemper.

Southminster Worshiping Covenant

We are so excited that we can slowly start welcoming members back to in-person worship! In order to ensure that worship is a safe space for everyone who wants to return, we ask that you covenant with us to abide by the following safety guidelines:

1. **Face masks** must be worn over your mouth and nose by all people over the age of 5 at all times, even if you are fully vaccinated. If you forget, we will kindly remind you to put your mask back on.
2. Please maintain a **six-foot distance** between you and other members at all times. Take precautions not to gather closely at places like the coat racks, elevator, and narrow hallways.
3. We ask that you wait to enter the building until at 9:45 am. When you enter, please take a bulletin and find a spot in the pews at least six feet from another household. We ask that **all fellowship and mingling be done outside**, not in the sanctuary, narthex or coffee corner.
4. The **livestream recording begins at 9:55 am** with the prelude. At that time, any sounds above a whisper may be heard on the livestream on YouTube. Anyone in the first few rows of pews may be visible on camera.
5. Unfortunately, **congregational singing will not be permitted**. The soloist will sing the hymns while the congregation remains seated. We ask that you not sing because singing propels aerosolized droplets much further than speaking does.
6. We will **not be shaking hands or hugging** during the passing of the peace. We encourage you to look around and wave instead. You may also put your hands on your heart as you share the Peace of Christ from your seat.
7. We will **not be passing an offering plate around**. You may drop your offering in the container in the Narthex or in a container that will be located on the other side of the front pew.
8. On **Communion Sundays**, you will receive the communion elements in individual containers. You may remove your mask to eat and drink in your seat. Immediately afterward, please put on your mask again.
9. After the postlude, an usher will dismiss you by rows. Please **take your bulletin and all other trash with you**. There will be trash and recycling cans in the Narthex. Please take your belongings and **go outside** (not in the sanctuary, narthex, or coffee corner) to enjoy fellowship with other members.
10. **Nursery and Sunday School** will be available as needed.

If you have any questions about the covenant, please contact the church office. We want worship to be a safe space for all who are ready to return.