

April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Order of Worship
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

The Church Gathers

Joys & Concerns

Prelude: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH349

*Opening Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" UMH420

*Call to Worship: (*responsively*)

L: The God of all shepherds has called us here.

P: We come today, celebrating God's love for us.

L: The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

P: We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.

L: The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

P: We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God. Amen.

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Thank you, loving God,

for bringing us to this time of worship.

Refresh us and heal us again.

Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives

with your abundant love and your presence.

Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words

and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people.

In the name of the Good Shepherd,

who leads us to life, we pray. Amen.

We Offer Prayers & Praise

The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Offertory

*Presentation & Response: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH95

Children's Message: Heifer International Wayne Reisberg

Special Music: James Carothers (8:30 am)
Ward's Chapel Choir (11:00 am)

We Meditate on God's Word

First Scripture Reading: John 3:1-15

Prayer for Illumination: "What Wondrous Love Is This" (*vs 1 & 2*) UMH292

*Second Scripture Reading: John 3:16-24

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Jesus and I (1) : Nicodemus" Pastor Steven Cho

We Go Forth to Love & Serve

*Closing Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH384

*Benediction

*Postlude "Amen"

Announcements

The Church Goes Out to Love and Serve

* If you are able, please stand.

- Hymns & prayers designated with FWS are found in the small black hymnal, *The Faith We Sing*.

Please note: The Order of Worship Is Subject to Change at Any Time
At the Direction of The Holy Spirit!