



Washington Street United Methodist Church

(Pre-Videoed)

Liturgical Color: White, symbolizing the Resurrected Christ
Washington Street UMC ~ Christ Chapel

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Be Thou But Near
Louis Shirer, organ

J. S. Bach

WELCOME (*Instructions for Interactive Worship*)

You may create your sanctuary in any space, for all things belong to God. We celebrate with joy the presence of the Living Christ!

HYMN 138

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ST. COLUMBA

(1, 4, 6)

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

6. And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

Words: Henry W. Baker, 1868 (Ps. 23)

Music: *St. Columba*, Irish Melody; harm. From The English Hymnal, 1906

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,

you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection.

Give us also the joys of life in your service,

and bring us at last to the full joy of eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH We Belong to God

We belong to God, eternal and infinite,
Creator of all things and all that is to come.
We follow Christ, who comes to us from God,
and reveals God to us.
He heals people and transforms lives,
and calls us to join in his ministry.
He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God,
and reigns over all Creation;
and he bids us to die and rise with him
in the service of the healing of the world.
We live by the Spirit,
together with the communion of saints,
as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.
We are confident in the forgiveness of sin,
the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life.
In all things it is our desire to follow Christ,
by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. **Amen.**

SOLO *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Howard Helvey
Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Bob Evans, bassoon; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I John 3:16-24

PROCLAMATION "Laying It Down" Reverend Parrish

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

**Strong covenant God, save us from being self-centered in our prayers,
and teach us to remember to pray for others.
May we be so bound up in love with those for whom we pray
that we may feel their needs as acutely as our own,
and intercede for them with sensitiveness,
with understanding and with imagination.
This we ask in Christ's name. Amen. ***

(BASED ON WORDS FROM JOHN CALVIN, SWITZERLAND, 16TH CENT.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

HYMN 408 "The Gift of Love" GIFT OF LOVE
(1, 2, 3)

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2. Though I may give all I possess,
 and striving so my love profess,
 but note be given by love within,
 The profit soon turns strangely thin.

3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
 our spirits long to be made whole.
 Let inward love guide every deed;
 by this we worship, and are freed.

Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

Words: Hal Hopson, 1972 (1 Cor. 13:1-3)

Music: *Gift of Love*, Trad. English melody; adapt. By Hal Hopson, 1972

BENEDICTION

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With joy we welcome *Vivian James Hall* as a baptized member to Washington Street. She was baptized on Sunday, April 18. Vivian is the daughter of Stewart and Jessica Hall and has a big sister, Ellis.



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