

04/25/2021
Sunday: Easter 4, Year B

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

You spread a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil, my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

All praise be unto you, O God, Great Shepherd of the sheep. You gather your people as lambs to your bosom; you enfold them with your all-embracing love. You refresh us like a stream flowing freely with living waters; you nourish us like a host whose table is heavy laden. We gather to hear your refreshing word of promise and direction, to honor your name as our guardian and hope. Amen.

*HYMN: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (394)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

*PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 3:16-24

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Our "Honey Do" List

POST-SERMON PRAYER

*HYMN: Today We Are Called to Be Disciples (757)

* LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Little children, let us love not just in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

All who keep God's commandments abide in God, and God abides in them.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth, for God knows everything.

All who keep God's commandments abide in God, and God abides in them.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God.

All who keep God's commandments abide in God, and God abides in them.

This is what God commands: believe in the name of Christ Jesus and love one another.

And by this we know that God abides in us, by the Spirit which God has given us.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.

ANTHEM:

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER:

*HYMN: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (343)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

*POSTLUDE

*- those who can stand are invited to stand