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Growing, Serving, Celebrating



**4th Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024
10:00 am**



**Friends, at this stop on your life's pilgrimage
we bid you welcome
with the hope that here you will find
the love of God, which He offers
to all who seek to serve and follow Him!**

Welcome and thank you for worshipping with us today!

Some things you should know:

- Please silence mobile devices when entering the sanctuary.
- Please stand as you are able when *asterisk appears.
- Nursery care is available in the education wing for children from birth to 36 months during the 10 am worship service.
- At the 10 am worship service children Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in the Christian Education wing. Youth 6th—12th grade remain in the service today.
- Communion will be served during the 10 am service next Sunday. Communion is served each Sunday by intinction at the 8:30 am service. Gluten free bread/wafer is used at all times.
- We live stream the service each Sunday and as well as special services throughout the year.

Additional assistance available from the ushers:

- Large print Hymnals, Bibles & Bulletins.
- Printed copies of today's sermon available prior to the services; available online on most Mondays.
- Location of the Elevator, Hearing Devices, Recorded Services.

Please join us after the Worship Service for coffee and fellowship in the Narthex.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Setting by Don Hustad

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT: "Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope"

Traditional Cameroon; arr. More Voices

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

The Risen Lord is our shepherd.

He knows us, and we belong to him.

The Risen Lord is our shepherd, alleluia!

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

*HYMN: #401 "Here in This Place"

GATHER US IN

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen. (moment of silent confession)

RESPONSE: "Kyrie eleison"

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son (4x)

Chri-ste e-le-i-son (4x)

Hymn #578

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: "We Are Forgiven"

Hymn #447

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please greet those near you with words such as "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

CHILDREN'S TIME

(At the conclusion children PreK—12th Grade will leave for classes.)

ANTHEM: "Great Is the Lord (Adapted from Psalm 145)"

Rose Marie Cooper/Warren Angell/ed. Lara Hoggard
Chancel Choir

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, And His greatness is unsearchable One generation shall praise Thy works to another. I will speak of the honor of Thy majesty, and Thy wondrous works. And I will declare Thy greatness and shall sing of Thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy, The Lord is good to all, His tender mercies are over all His works. They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom and of Thy power. The Lord is righteous in all His ways, And holy in all His works. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, And shall bless His name forever. Amen!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON: John 10:11-18

Pew Bible p. 97

PSALM: Psalm 23:1-6

Pew Bible p. 474

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures;**

he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

my whole life long.

*RESPONSE: "Gloria Patri"

Hymn #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SERMON: "Loving the Flock"

*HYMN: #300 "We Are One in the Spirit"

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional)

(Hymnal page 35)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our church family members who are in care facilities or homebound: Allene Falk, Wayne Gardiner, Chuck and Janet Hodges, Barbara Kautz, Sue Kinnin, Renee Mavis, Jane Schutz, and Wendy Taylor.

Our church family members in the hospital, receiving treatments and/or recovering at home: Jeff Deal, Bev Drake, Jared Grenzebach, Norm Kreib, Scott Kronmuller, Debbie Meinzer, Audrey Owen, Mary Louise Rampolla, Margaret Thayer, Priscilla Tripi, Bill Weikert, and Paull Utter.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Sinfonia No. 6"

J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymn #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN: #749 "Come! Live in the Light!"

WE ARE CALLED

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "This Little Light of Mine" Spiritual/arr. Vicki Tucker Courtney

We welcome today's guest preacher to our service and pray for their discernment, and for the search committee's as well.

Minister:
Director of Music Ministry:
Sunday School Superintendent:
Bell Ringer:
Acolyte:
Bible Carrier:
Lay Reader:
Greeters:
Ushers:
Nursery:
Counters:

Rev. Dr. Jason Cashing
 Kotoe Shimojo
 Jenna Abel
 Pugh Family
 Charlotte Andolina
 Anthony Hoy
 Bob Poczik
 Bren & Marilyn Price
 John & Kim Story
 Laura Andolina, Kelli Hickey
 Ken Burke, Jennifer Schroeder, Nate Wills

Flowers: In celebration of our daughter, Kaitlin Chidester's 50th birthday and in honor of our parents, Al and Alice Jones' 74th wedding anniversary from Larry and Wendy Hamilton, Priscilla Tripi and Ruth Spink.

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today

8:30 am **Worship/Communion**—Sanctuary
 Adult Ed—Lower South End Education Wing
 9:15 am Coffee Fellowship—Narthex
 9:20 am Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
 10:00 am **Worship**—Sanctuary/Live Stream
 Nursery—Upper Hall Christian Education Wing
 10:15 am Sunday School—Various
 11:00 am Children's Choir Rehearsal—Bodine Room
 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship—Narthex

Monday, April 22nd

9 am—noon CCNS—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing
 9 am—2 pm Clarence Food Pantry—Bodine Room
 11:30 am CCNS & UPK Tae Kwan Do—Upper Fellowship Hall
 6:00 pm Gordon Highlanders—Upper Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 23rd

9 am—noon CCNS—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing
 9:30 am Wellspring for Women—Lower Fellowship Hall
 7:00 pm Mission Study Committee—Narthex

Wednesday, April 24th

9 am—noon CCNS—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing
 9:00 am Loose Screws Social Club

Thursday, April 25th

9 am—noon CCNS—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing
 7—8 pm CCNS Parent Meeting—Upper Fellowship Hall
 7:15—8:45 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, April 26th

9 am—noon CCNS—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing

Saturday, April 27th

9:00 am Trustees' Sponsored Spring Cleanup (Rain date)

Sunday, April 28th

8:30 am **Worship/Communion**—Sanctuary
 Adult Ed—Lower South End Education Wing
 9:15 am Coffee Fellowship—Narthex
 9:20 am Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
 10:00 am **Worship**—Sanctuary/Live Stream
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11:00 am Children's Choir Rehearsal—Bodine Room
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship—Narthex
11:15 am Youth & Family Events Planning—UFH
11:30 am Worship Committee—Green Meeting Room
1:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 568 Blue & Gold Banquet—UFH

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Pantry needs this week are regular/decaf coffee, salsa, and taco shells. Thanks!

Thank You to Mitch Flynn for attending the service today. The rideforroswell.org website will allow you to register to join our team: the Clarence Christian Crusaders. Our goal is to increase the number of members on our 2024 team. You do not have to ride a bicycle and there are no financial obligations. There are several options to participate on our team: you may register to ride in the Roswell event on Saturday, June 22; ride your own way when you want to; join just to fundraise; or be a much needed volunteer. Please consider joining us!

Wellspring meets on Tuesday morning, April 23, 9:30-11am—What better way to follow Lent and Easter, then to explore Jesus' Sermon on the Mount! No need to be intimidated by this study of the most famous and popular sermon ever delivered... after all, it was originally given by Jesus himself. The Guide Book being used is written by Professor Amy-Jill Levine, who has a rare talent for blending scholarship with human experience, seasoning it with her own brand of humor. Books are available still for \$10/copy. Join us as you are able.

The Mission Study Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 23, 7 pm, in the Narthex. Let Jason know if you are unable to attend. Thanks!

Attention youth and families! There will be an event planning meeting next Sunday, April 28 following the 10 am worship service. We will be looking for ideas for events/activities for next year's youth 6th—12th grades as well as events/activities that families can participate in. Get your coffee and come to the Upper Fellowship Hall at 11:15 am. All input is welcome so join us! If you can't make it, but have ideas let Allyson Siegel know or email the office: office@clarencypresby.org.

Worship Committee will meet next Sunday, April 28 at 11:30 am in the Green Meeting Room.

The next meeting of Theology on Tap Men's Group is on Monday, April 29, 6:30 pm at the Angry Buffalo, 2753 Wehrle Dr., Williamsville. The topic will be on an opinion piece published in *The New York Times* on February 26, 2024 written by Jane Coaston: *"I Said, 'What's Your Plan About Marriage and Dating?' And There was Silence."* Come join us for a supper and discussion. A copy of the article may be found on the kiosk or via a link in *Staying Connected*.

Save the date: 13th Annual Mission Matters Sunday, May 5—This is our annual Sunday where the whole church is invited to participate in a mission project following 10 am worship. We will once again support [Rise Against Hunger](#). We hope to package 10,000 meals in less than two hours. Lunch will be provided after we finish the project. Signup on the kiosk.



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