

4th Sunday in Lent

March 22nd, 2019

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD
*Those who are able are encouraged to stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 23 The Message Translation

GOD, my shepherd!

I don't need a thing.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

Even when the way goes through Death Valley,

I'm not afraid when you walk at my side.

Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies.

You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.

Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.

I'm back home in the house of GOD

for the rest of my life.

***HYMN #276** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to be our Good Shepherd. We joyously acknowledge that he has guided us lovingly, kept us from harm, and led us into places of wholeness. Yet, we confess, we have still strayed from him and have turned a deaf ear to his voice that calls us to return to his fold. Our pride had led us down paths of our own choosing; we have sought life, health, and fulfillment away from his green pastures.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our wanderings. Return us to the way of our Good Shepherd, and hold us there by your Holy Spirit, that we may live to your honor and glory always.

(A time for silent and personal prayer...)

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

SPECIAL MUSIC Shepherd Me, O God (Psalm 23)

Marty Haugen

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:
NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS:

Psalm 23
John 14:27
Matthew 5:9

O.T. Pg. 501
N.T. Pg. 109
N.T. Pg. 4

SERMON "Given Peace, Being Peace (Makers)"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** #313 Come Down, O Love Divine

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 37. What do you understand by the word "suffered"?

A. That throughout his life on earth, but especially at the end of it, he bore in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race, so that by his suffering, as the only expiatory sacrifice, he might redeem our body and soul from everlasting damnation, and might obtain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

Q. 38. Why did he suffer "under Pontius Pilate" as his judge?

A. That he, being innocent, might be condemned by an earthly judge, and thereby set us free from the judgment of God which, in all its severity, ought to fall upon us.

Q. 39. Is there something more in his having been crucified than if he had died some other death?

A. Yes, for by this I am assured that he took upon himself the curse which lay upon me, because the death of the cross was cursed by God.

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN** #374 Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

The Congregation is directed to present their offerings in the offering plates located at the front of the sanctuary.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***POSTLUDE**

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