



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 3, 2009

Eleven o'clock

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE GATHERING

The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship. In the spirit of Christian fellowship, we invite you to wear a name tag which is available from the greeters. As a community that prays with and for one another, we invite you to share your joys and concerns by using the blue cards available from the ushers and in the welcome pad folders. Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.

**Stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

* **HYMN 111** Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing *Gelobt Sei Gott*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*based on John 10:11-16*)

Leader: Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd."

People: "The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Leader: Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd."

People: "I know my own and my own know me."

Leader: Jesus said: "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also."

People: "So there will be one flock, one shepherd." Praise be to God!

INTROIT

The Invited

Hubert Bird

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please use the welcome pad in the blue folder at the end of the pew. Record your presence. Pass it back, noticing who is worshiping with you. When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most gracious God, we give thanks for knowing love in its most sincere and beautiful form - in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord. He did not just tell people how to live; Jesus demonstrated these things in the way he lived, serving others, turning the other cheek, loving the unlovable. We want to serve as Jesus served, but we confess that our priorities can easily become confused by the values of the world; values that are often in conflict with those spelled out by Jesus. He demonstrated that love was the priority of his life, enabling him to lay down his life for all people. We want people to know that your love dwells in us, but you know how frequently we fail. Forgive us when our words and actions fail to disclose your love. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, so that our weakness is overcome by your strength, our selfishness is overwhelmed by your generosity, and our apathy is replaced by your enthusiasm. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News: in Jesus Christ, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks through despair, life breaks through death.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free.
Thanks be to God!

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymnal No. 579

Gloria Patri

*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, Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* THE APOSTLES' CREED (*in unison*)

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 on 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.

QUESTIONS OF INTENT

PRAYER

THE BAPTISM OF CARTER CHRISTOPHER DAILEY

PRAYER

Pastor: Eternal God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people ... Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever.

People: Remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will, and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., *"The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you."*)

Response - *"And also with you."*)

*+ Children and Middle School Youth leave for their classes.
High School Youth remain for Worship and Communion. +*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Acts 4:5-12

SECOND LESSON Psalm 23

SERMON “Slow-Speed Chase” Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY See What Love Hath the Father Mendelssohn
See what love hath the Father bestowed on us, in His goodness, that we should be called God's own children

* THE DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS *Lasst uns erfreuen*

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Eternal and ever-living God...

... who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Pastor: Holy God, in Your mercy . . .

. . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: We take this bread and wine and joyfully celebrate this Holy Sacrament. ... And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

People: 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. —Revelation 3:20

All who trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to participate in this celebration.

BREAD: To be taken individually, symbolic of your personal commitment to God through Jesus Christ.

CUP: Please wait until all are served, symbolic of your corporate belonging together in the body of Christ. Grape juice is the fruit of the vine used in our celebration of the sacrament.

ANTHEM

Benedictus (Mass in G)

Schubert

SANDRA RUGGLES, SOPRANO; CARSON BAKER, TENOR;

CHRISTOPHER SCHALJO, BASS

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING OUT

* HYMN 440 In Christ There Is No East or West

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 4:5-12 (NRSV)

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Psalms 23 (NRSV)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my

cup overflows. ⁶Surely 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.

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