

4th Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.



At the ringing of the chimes please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our live-streaming and recording equipment.

Bolded text is read or sung by all.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

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Voluntary Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Arr. Dale Wood

*Call to Worship

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
Blessing and honor is yours, O God.
Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

Introit God is my shepherd

Antonin Dvorak
Benjamin Hayes, soloist

*Hymn #430

Come Sing, O Church in Joy! DARWALL'S 148TH

Children's Choir

A Family Song

Arr. by Brad Nix
Words and music by Joseph M. Martin

Sing a song for fam'ly, a gift from God's own heart. For parents who have loved you, and gave your life its start. For brothers and for sisters, for dear ones near and far; I will sing a song to tell them just how wonderful they are.

Thank you God, for fam'ly, a gift so rich and fair. Precious are the moments, the years we have to share. All along life's journey, no matter where we go, we will always treasure the memories of home.

Fam'lies all are diff'rent, just look around and see. Love is the true measure of who is family. So, whether it's a parent, a teacher or a friend, we can all be fam'ly, sharing love that never ends, a love that never ends.

Call to Confession

Kinsie Willis

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your path of right relationships and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response

We Walk by Faith

(sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)

*We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear
From Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke; But we believe him
near.*

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our
offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new
life in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*Response #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.**

*Passing the Peace

We invite you now to greet one another saying,
The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Moment for Ministry

Stacy Franzmann/Jazz Vespers

Anthem

Brother James's Air

Arr. by Gordon Jacob

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all
creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Time with Young Disciples

Margo Works

*Following the Time for Young Disciples, children are invited to stay with their
families, or visit with our childcare staff in the nursery.*

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you have gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day, opening your Word and listening with our hearts, in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.

The First Lesson Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

*Hymn #387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

The Second Lesson John 10: 22-30

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon The Reverend David Aber

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation Todd Willis

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation and for the work of the Holy Spirit.

Together let us say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of Christ.

In one voice, let us offer the words of the Lord's Prayer:

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.

Words of Institution

"The Bread of life." "The cup of salvation."
The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Choral Scholars

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

Prayer following communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #539 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise ELLERS

*Charge

*Blessing

Voluntary

Rondeau

Jean Joseph Mouret

Brother James is the familiar name by which many remember James Leith Macbeth Bain, who was born in Scotland towards the middle of the century. This Air is perhaps the most famous of many that came to him spontaneously.

Serving as liturgists today are Kinsie Willis and Todd Willis .

Announcements

Mother's Day Invitation We pray with thankfulness in our hearts and minds for all the important women in our lives. We ask you to join us in prayer for women everywhere, and we invite you to join us after the service for coffee and goodies, from Gwen and David Aber.

The Flowers in the Chancel are given by Harloe Cutler and family in honor and memory of mothers everywhere.

Jazz Vespers Westminster is pleased to invite you to our Jazz Vespers Service on Sunday, May 15, at 4:00 p.m., featuring the Theron Brown Trio and guests. Theron's music is inspired by "a glimpse of gospel, jazz and soul from the great legends." Come and participate in this uplifting service in collaboration with The Reverend David Aber.

Beyond Suffering/Disability Ministry Monday, May 16, at 3:00 p.m., the 12-week class will resume once a week in room 106. Everyone is welcome to participate in this free class exploring God's words on disability through the Bible. The class is for those who care about the suffering of others and have questions related to the theology of suffering but don't know where to turn for answers. The room is wheelchair accessible. For questions email Claudine at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com. Take the new schedule on the table.

Children's Choir is singing today. Their last meeting will be on Sunday, May 15, with treat and music games in the Choir Room.

Celtic Garden The plant sale that was held this past Saturday netted \$1,226! The proceeds will be used to purchase plants and supplies for the garden. Thanks to everyone who helped make this such a success!

June Script deadline to email your article is Tuesday, May 10.

Calendar of Church Building Events For May 8-15, 2022

Sunday, 5/8 - Mother's Day

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:10 am Children's Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream - Holy Communion
Children's Choir Sings & Stay in Sanctuary
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship in WHH

Monday, 5/9

- 11:30 am Men's Lunch at Olive Garden
- 7:00 pm Book Discussion Off Site

Tuesday, 5/10

- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Properties Committee Meeting in WHH

Wednesday, 5/11

- 7:00 pm Discipleship Zoom Meeting

Thursday, 5/12

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting Off Site
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Saturday, 5/14

- 9:00 am Celtic Gardeners in Celtic Garden
- 12:30 pm Tween Urban Air Event Off Site

Sunday, 5/15

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:10 am Children's Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
Children's Choir Party in Choir Room
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship in WHH
- 11:40 am Personnel Committee Meeting in Tween Room
VBS Planning Meeting in Youth Room
Worship Committee Meeting in Pastor's Study
Outreach Meeting in Room 106
- 4:00 pm Jazz Vespers with Theron Brown & his Ensemble in Sanctuary

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.
- Weekly deadline for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Tuesday at noon.

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Voted by Session:

- *Masks are now optional during worship service.*
- *Coffee returns every Sunday after worship. Please sign up in WHH for Birthday Cake the first Sunday of the month.*
- *8:30 a.m. summer worship returns in June and July 2022.*



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