



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2015

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †*

PRELUDE.....Bertha Frick
"He That Believeeth"

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Alex Everett

Leader: The Good Shepherd invites us to green pastures.
We are refreshed beside still waters.

**PEOPLE: WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN EVERYTHING WE HAVE.
GOD OFFERS US EVERYTHING WE NEED.**

Leader: When we walk through shadowed valleys, God is with us.
We are comforted and reassured.

**PEOPLE: GOD LEADS US IN THE RIGHT PATHS.
OUR CUPS ARE FILLED TO OVERFLOWING.**

Leader: God welcomes us to the table where love is expressed.
We are invited to partake of the truth God offers.

**UNISON: WE HAVE RECEIVED PLENTY THAT WE MIGHT SHARE.
WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOD'S HELPERS.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Anthony Martinez

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 330
Alleluia! Hear God's Story

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Good Shepherd, we meet in Your name, confident that we are known and loved by You. Here we draw close to one another and to You, expecting to be empowered by fresh insights to live as Your people. We want to care for one another in life-giving ways. We seek to reach out to those who deny You or suspect us. Help us grow in love that is genuine in its caring and self-sacrifice. We embrace the wholeness You offer and dare to risk acceptance of a healing role for ourselves and this faith community. Equip us for service beyond this hour of meeting, in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, *"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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever."* Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35
Glory Be to the Father

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING *(pg. 435)*.....Psalm 23

ANTHEM.....Pauline Mills
Thou Art Worthy

SECOND READING *(pg. 887)*.....Acts 4:5-12

MESSAGE.....Kay Langley Dezern
"By What Name Do We Pray?"

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....James Southbridge
"A Song in Summer"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

How can we express our thanks, O God, for the One who laid down life itself in witness to Your love for all people? We are aware that many have not experienced that love. We see their need, and we want to respond. Use what we offer to You to bring healing and peace to others not of this fold. Draw us together as one flock in the care of one Shepherd, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528
Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 425 (vs. 1, 2)
Let Us Break Bread Together

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Tony Peris

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Lois Pyles

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

Gentle Shepherd

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, For we need You to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, For we need Your strength from day to day.
There's no other we can turn to who can help us face another day;
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, For we need You to help us find our way.
(Repeat)

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

***BENEDICTION**

***TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE**.....Marlene Bigley
"Great and Mighty"

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
Youth attend LIVE BIG!

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Fran Gray, Emily Vinson, Allen Wallace, Jimmy Jarvis



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence
in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*

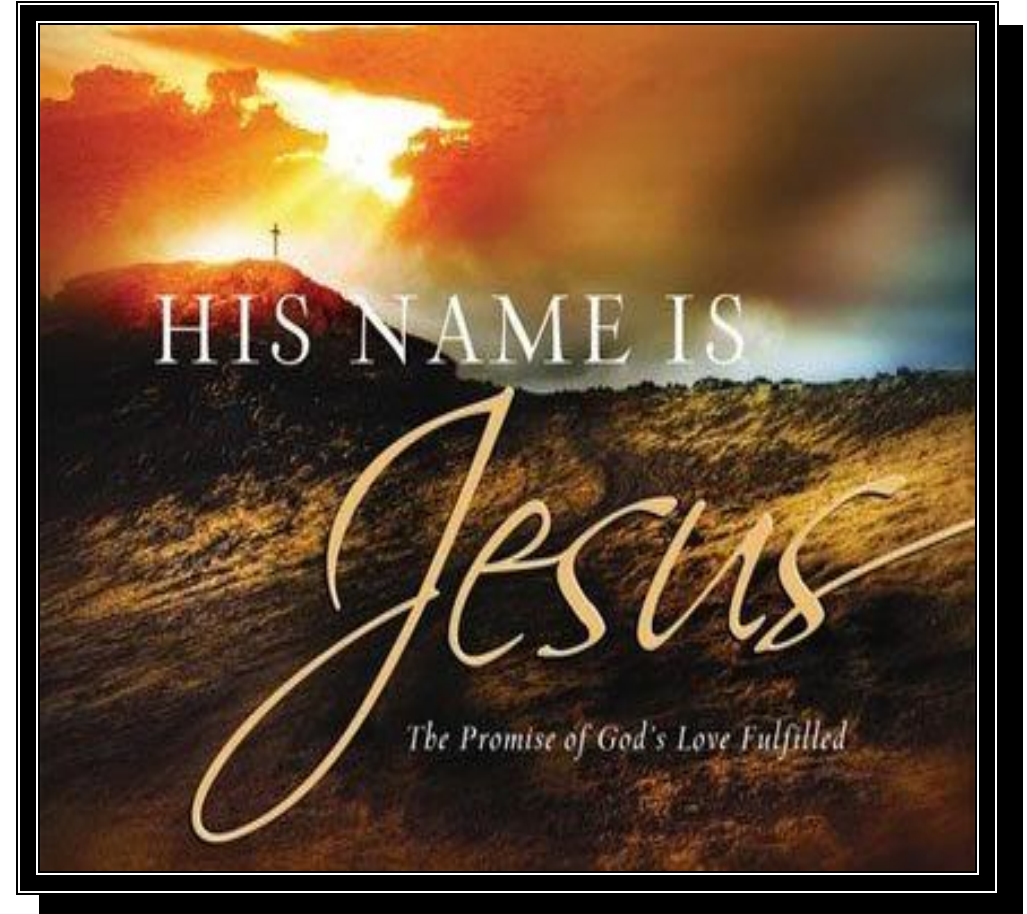


The Welcome Loaf

We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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