



Virtual Worship - April 26, 2020

Prelude and Silent Meditation

Prelude, Op. 31, no. 5 Vierne (1870-1937)

Roger Daggy, organist at First

Let Us Prepare our Hearts

Rev. April Cranford, pastor at Westminster

Welcome, Announcements, and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship (based on 1 Peter 1:21-23)

Through Christ you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Hymn of Praise

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!
Kimberlea, Maximilian, and Roger Daggy, First

Gelobet sei Gott

Let Us Confess

Glenn and Linda Fields, members at Second

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have been cut to the heart. We know there is nothing we can do to earn the grace we have received through Christ. We regret the times we cheapen it, accepting your gifts while neglecting your commandments. Forgive us for not loving one another. Forgive us for not sharing with others. Forgive us for going our own way and refusing to follow you. Do not let us get so focused on the headlines that we forget the good news of the gospel. Come alongside us and remind us of your Word and our purpose in this world. Hear our confession, free us from guilt, open our eyes that we might see and know our Savior, alive and present with us now. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response

Glory to God

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen. World without end, without end, Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.

Roger Daggy, pianist and vocalist, with Maximilian Daggy, baritone

Let Us Hear the Word

Children's Sermon

Jill Klippel, retired teacher and Westminster member

Anthem

God is My Shepherd
Adam Phillips; Sue Wright, organist at Westminster

Antonin Dvorak

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 116:1-7: 12-19

New Testament Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

The Stranger

Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins, pastor at Smyrna

Let Us Respond to the Word

Rev. Dr. Wray Sherman, pastor at Hermitage

Affirmation of Faith *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers for the People & 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.

Offering

Offertory

Suite no. 4 in E-flat BWV 1010: Gigue

Bach (1685-1750)

Celia Daggy, viola

The Doxology

Old 100th

Bettie, John & Mattie Tindall with Sue Wright, organist at Westminster

Prayer of Dedication

Jen Jones, elder at First

Let Us Go and Serve the Lord

Closing Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven (Ode to Joy)
Sue Krzastek, Adam Phillips, Bettie and John Tindall; Sue Wright, organist

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins, pastor at Smyrna

Postlude

Postlude on "St. Dunstan's," arr. Douglas

Wagner

Sue Wright, organist

Lyrics to Hymns and Anthem

Good Christians all, rejoice

1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

2 The Lord of life is ris'n today;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let ev'ry tongue rejoice and say:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

3 Praise we in songs of victory
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

God is My Shepherd

God is my Shepherd, I want for nothing.
My rest is in the pleasant meadows,
He leadeth me where quiet waters flow!
My fainting soul doth He restore,
And guideth me in the ways of peace
To glorify His Name.

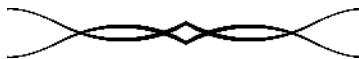
And though in death's dark valley
My steps must wander,
My spirit shall not fear,
For Thou art by me still;
Thy rod and staff are with me,
And they shall comfort me.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and
voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to
God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the
worlds salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is
risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has
met defeat:
See the ancient powers of evil in
confusion and retreat;
Once he died, and once was buried: now
he lies forevermore,
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer,
whom we worship and adore.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on
high!
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the
victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and
sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty



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