

WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Prelude

Ring the Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Passing the Peace of Christ

Introit "Rejoice This Day"

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

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He knows us, and we belong to him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

*Opening Hymn #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Call to Confession: (Pastoral)

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore let us confess our sin.

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us.

We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Sermon

"Shepherd Stories"

Baptism

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Anthem

"Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed"

Birthdays

Joys/Concerns/Prayers of the People

Call to Offering (Pastoral)

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the goods of the world and sees a brother or sister in need, yet refuses to help? With love for God and neighbor, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory

*Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving for our Tithes and Offerings (Unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #353

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

* Charge and Benediction (Pastoral)

In the name of the good shepherd, love one another. Amen.

May the goodness and mercy of God follow you all the days of your life, and, at your life's end, may you dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Alleluia!

*Postlude