

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

Brother James' Air

arr. Dale Wood

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call To Worship

Open the gate! The Shepherd is coming!
We hear his glad voice, calling us by name, leading us to green pastures.
No stranger's voice will we follow. We follow only the One Who brings us home.
One door, one flock, one fold, one Shepherd. Open the gate!
The Good Shepherd comes!

The Prayer of Praise

*The Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

Chorus: *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Chorus*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Chorus*

The Prayer of Confession

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
But, O Lord, we are consumed with wanting more.
He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
But, O Lord, other pastures seem greener. The waters aren't always still.
Our souls still thirst.

He leads me in right paths for his Name's sake.
O Lord, we long to be led by You, though we may complain along the path.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff— they comfort me.

**And yet, O God, we do sometimes fear. May we feel Your presence,
Your comfort and Your forgiveness anew.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at Your table.
Forgive us and help us to see Your overflowing mercy.**
Surely 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.

Forgive us God, and lead us into Your house ... (time for silent confession)...

The Assurance of Pardon

Our Comforter leads us to that place
where God's Table is spread with forgiveness and overflowing with grace.
Here, we are called to life and love.

**We will live as God's people: forgiven to serve, blessed to share,
loved so we might care. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*The 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.*

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Consider sending a message to someone you have not been in touch with lately. A note, a phone call, a text or email reminding others that Christ is with us and blesses us when we are together and apart.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 2:42-47*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 23*

The Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd

David Childs, arr.

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Peter 2:19-25*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 10:1-10*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Preach
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed*

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

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.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

*The Hymn 542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide,
uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again;*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Grand Triumphal Chorus

Alexandre Guilmant

Announcements for May 3 - 10

Grace and peace to you Church Family!

We in the church office hope this email finds you well. We miss seeing your smiling faces and spending time with one another. We sincerely look forward to the day when we will once again be on campus together. Life around the here is not the same without our fellowship. Since we are not seeing each other regularly, we hope you will not hesitate to reach out for connection with staff. We continue to keep each of you in our prayers

Currently, the Church Office hours are Monday - Thursday 9am-1pm and Friday 9am-12pm

Thanks for your faithful support of our ongoing ministries. Please send your checks to the church office or give online through our website www.fredericksburgpc.org.

Capsule of Concern: Malia Hayes, Kathryn Hower, Billie Plank, John Walker

Heartfelt Christian love and sympathies are extended to Louis Illi and family on the death of his wife, Jane, who died on April 25, 2020.

Kathryn Hower Address: Liberty Commons,
Pleasant Bay North #22
390 Orleans Rd.
North Chatham, MA 02650

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, May 10:

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Birthdays this week May 3-10

3. Bill Crawley, Josh Noxon, Samuel Rembisz
4. Sarah Hancock, Samuel Poth
5. Sean McPherson, Jack Plank
6. Shirley Kutz, Bera Matako, Elizabeth Turner
7. Allison Wimberly
8. Lee Gibbons, Ian Norfleet, Jacob Poudrier
9. Mary Lou Cramer
10. Eva Lewis, Samuel Lewis

Honoring Graduates

We will virtually acknowledge those who are graduating from high school and beyond. Please email the church office (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org) with the name of the school from which you are graduating. Thank you!

Weekly Family Home Church School Activities are on the education page of our website.

Weekly Zoom Meetings

Men's Breakfast Group, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.

Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net) for the Zoom link.

Meditation Group, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Contact Marsha Luckett (luckett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.

Middle School Youth Fellowship, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

Contact Brittany Tamminga (btamminga@fredericksburgpc.org) for the Zoom link.

High School Youth Fellowship, Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.

Contact Brittany Tamminga (btamminga@fredericksburgpc.org) for the Zoom link.

Women's Bible Study, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Contact Marsha Lockett (lockett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.

College Age Fellowship, Thursday, 8:00 p.m.

Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net) for the Zoom link.

Church School Class Schedule:

Please see the schedule listed below for class offerings and times. Email the Church Office (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org) for the Zoom link for individual classes. If you have any questions OR if you would like to participate but do not own any devices with audio/visual capabilities, please contact Pastor Tamminga (btamming@fredericksburgpc.org.)

Sunday Morning Church School Classes

8:30am *Color of Law* Book Study

9:45am Faith and Movie Class

11:00am Seeking to Understand the Parables

Sunday Afternoon Church School Classes

2:00pm Parenting Class

4:00pm Women in the Biblical World