

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024 | First Presbyterian Church, Petaluma CA



PRELUDE

Jenny Smith

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Ariel Mink

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ariel Mink

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES (at FPC and in our homes) Loren Dooley

We light these candles to remind ourselves of God's presence,
not only in this place, but in all places. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Loren Dooley

Let us worship God together.

Let us sing to the Lord a new song;

A song for and with all the creatures of the earth.

Let us rejoice in what God has created. It is good!

Let us marvel at the creatures that are wonderful in God's sight.

Let us extol God's handiwork.

Lord, help to us wonder and to stand in awe at the richness of the world before us.

Yes, Lord, Yes! Every creature gives you praise!

PRAYER AND SILENT LISTENING TO GOD

Loren Dooley

Let us pray. Jesus, you are our Good Shepherd and we are the sheep of your fold. You have given us food from green pastures and water from pure fountains. You have planted our feet on safe paths and protected us with your rod, supported us with your staff. In this time of silence, prepare our hearts to hear your voice. Amen.

***SONG**

Come, Let Us Worship

Come, let us worship and bow down
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker
Come, let us worship and bow down
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker

For He is our God,
And we are the people of His pasture
And the sheep of His hand,
And the sheep of His hand

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Loren Dooley

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

Compassionate God, we too often ignore the cries and suffering of your creatures. Our lives are bound up with other species and we ask your forgiveness for the ways we mistreat your creation. Give us clean hearts and caring hands, O God. Remind us that we too are creatures, interdependent and vulnerable.

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

Ariel Mink

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Ariel Mink

***HYMN #803** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
 In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
 He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
 and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
 one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
 my cup with blessings over flows; your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
 O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
 There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
 no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Ariel Mink

Prayers of thanksgiving and petition may be offered, followed by:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(or in your preferred version)*

Ariel Mink

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.

***CHARGE**

Ariel Mink

***CLOSING RESPONSE**

Ariel Mink

Lord of life, you walk this journey with us and through us;

Lead us Lord, lead on.

Journeying within, and wrestling with the world,

Lead us Lord, lead on.

Lead us to risk, to grow, and to tread the path you have opened for us;

Lead us Lord, lead on.

And let us rejoice that every place is your place;

In the name of Christ, the Risen One. Amen

***BLESSING**

Ariel Mink

***CLOSING SONG** *Go Now In Peace*

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will go with you, each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,

Know he will guide you in all you do.

Worship Leaders: Ariel Mink, Loren Dooley, Music Director Jane Shelly, Organist/Pianist Jenny Smith, Student Ministries and Events Coordinator Grete Hansen

Credits

Art: Kelly Latimore ("Good Shepherd"), 2019.

Call to Worship adapted from Thom M. Shuman, (<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/search?q=Ephesians+2>).

Opening Prayer adapted from William H. Willimon, Pulpit Resource, April 29, 2012 (John 10:11-18).

Confession and Pardon adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Year A, vol. 1*, p. 185.

Closing Response from "Lead Us Lord (Easter responses from Iona), in *Eggs and Ashes: Practical & Liturgical resources for Lent and Holy Week*, 231.

Music: *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down*, ©1980 Maranatha! Music.

Music: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*, TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt., MUSIC: U.S.A. folk melody; Lewis's *Beauties of Harmony*, 1828; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986, Music Harm, ©1990 Dale Grotenhuis.

Music: *Go Now In Peace*, TEXT: Don Besig and Nancy Price, MUSIC: Don Besig, © 1988, Harold Flammer Music, a Division of Shawnee Press, Inc.