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# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

10:00 AM

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 16)

*Bea Boak, Liturgist*

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures;

**All: he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.**

One: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**All: He prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

One: He anoints my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**All: 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. Let us worship God who sent his Son so that we might have life, and have it abundantly."**

\*HYMN #495 "We Know That Christ is Raised"

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

OFFERTORY

And now, not because we have to, but because we are grateful, let us return to God what is ours to share. Let us rejoice in the coming of our Lord. Let us lay our treasures at his feet.

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**Caring and compassionate God, we feel like we have been through so much. Battered by division, perceived by some as too judgmental and by others as too accommodating, and we know our witness to the world has suffered. Bless the gifts we give and help them to be used to sow seeds of kindness, healing, hope, and justice. When we as a church falter, remind us that Christ, our Good Shepherd, never falters. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN #387 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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\*For those who are able, please stand.

# **First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY**

**April 30, 2023**

- **Today's Ushers:** Lee & Marge Calkins
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Shane Adams & Tom Eckrote
- **The Samaritan Center:** today, 12:30 – 3:00, if you wish to carpool, we will leave the church parking lot at Noon.
- **Worship & Music:** Mon., May 1, 10:30, Media Center
- **Book Club:** Tues., May 2, 10:00, Fireside Room
- **Spring Grounds Clean-Up:** Sat., May 6, 9:00 a.m. Please stay for pizza and chocolate chip cookies after! A rain date is set for Sun., May 7 after the Baked Potato Luncheon.
- **Baked Potato Luncheon:** Sunday, May 7, 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Special Gifts Committee. We'll have baked potatoes hot from the oven with your choice of a dozen different toppings! Hosted by the Special Gifts Committee.
- **Silver Fox Adult Day Center:** is looking for gently used magazines. If you would like to donate, please bring them to the church office.
- **6 Week Bible Study, The Book of Job:** Wednesdays beginning Wed., May 10 – June 21. 11 a.m. or 7 p.m. Not meeting on Wed., May 24. More information to follow.

## **Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence**

Nancy Dobbins; Amy Miller, upon the loss of her Aunt,  
and our beloved church member, Lillian Olsen

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## **Identity Statement**

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.

**WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Gracious God, your Son Jesus came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. He is our Good Shepherd, whose leadership is less about the love of power, and more about the power of love. This same Jesus called us to follow Him, to lead as He did, to serve as He served, showing others His Kingdom way of life. But we need your forgiveness for thoughtless words, said without love, for hurried decisions, made without your wisdom, for destructive moments, when anger tore, for selfish motives, when our power wounded another. By your mercy, focus our eyes on you, Lord Jesus, and tune our ears to your Holy Spirit. Let our greatest passion be compassion, our greatest strength be love, So that in leading, we never fail to follow You, Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.**

One: Now that we have confessed as a body, let us take the truths that have troubled our hearts to God silently. Let us not be worried about the awkwardness of silence, as we take some time to focus on speaking with our God.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri #579

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share signs of peace with one another.

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FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:42-47  
red Bible p.1326, black Bible p.120

*Liturgist*

MUSICAL OFFERING

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25 **Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret**  
red Bible p. 1476, black Bible p. 233

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:1-10 **Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret**  
red Bible p. 1305, black Bible p. 103

SERMON "Are We Like Sheep?"

**Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret**

**WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (UNISON)

**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.**

\*HYMN #172 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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