

WORSHIP

May 8, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter

(PH=Presbyterian Hymnal, GtG=Glory to God)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your hearts, raise your voices, and join the heavenly host
who forever sing:

**Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you have gathered a people
from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. Join our
song with all of heaven as we worship you this day in the glorious light
of Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN: *From All that Dwell Below the Skies* PH229
(Sing all verses)

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

Even if we walk in the darkest of valleys, we have nothing to fear, for God
is with us. Let us stand before the throne of the Lamb with confidence,
trusting in God's desire to redeem and restore us.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Eternal God, in the presence of our enemies, we divide and demonize.
When you face our enemies, you choose neither contempt nor
punishment, but set a table and make provision for us all. Our ways
are not your ways, O Creator, and they are an affront to the work of
your hands. Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us. Send our risen**

**Lord among us again to repair relationships and restore humanity.
Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus just as he does at his table.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the sound of your Shepherd's voice: Jesus says, I give you eternal
life. You will never perish. No one can snatch you out of my hand.
Believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, nurtured, and safe.

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal 579

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, Living Word, as you revealed yourself to Mary
that Easter morning, so reveal yourself to us. By the power of your
Spirit, give each of us faith, that hearing your Word we, too, may
proclaim, "I have seen the Lord!" Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING(S): Acts 9.36-43
John 10.22-30

SERMON: *The Good Shepherd* Rev. Camille Josey

*HYMN: *The Church's One Foundation* PH 443
(Sing all verses)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21*

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of
humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis
and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed
and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to
all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

Rev. Camille Josey
Sunday May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday after Easter

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

You are our shepherd, O Lord, and in you there is nothing we lack.

You lead us to green pastures and still waters; you restore our souls.

You prepare a table before us; the cup of blessing overflows!

Therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:

Christ Jesus is one with you, O God;

he is our good shepherd, and we are the people of your pasture.

We hear his voice and seek to follow him.

When Jesus was at table with his disciples

he took bread, blessed and broke it,

and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat.

Whenever you do this, remember me.

In the same way he took and poured the cup,

saying: take and drink.

Whenever you do this, remember me.

Now whenever we eat and drink at this table, we celebrate Christ's
death and resurrection until he comes again.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon this bread and cup;

make us one in the body and blood

of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us join the great multitude of the redeemed of the world

who worship day and night in the presence of the Lamb.

Feed our hunger, quench our thirst, and lead us to the water of life.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ,

in the unity of the Spirit,

we bless you, God of glory,

now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER

**At your table, Giving God, we have been fed; our thirsty spirits
have been quenched. We give you thanks for this taste of your
kingdom meal when enemies will feast together and peace will
reign on your holy mountain; in Jesus; name. Amen.**