

PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

We live in the shelter of the Most High,

We abide in the shadow of Almighty God.

Let us worship God who is our refuge and our strength,

For God is the One in whom we trust.

The Lord will deliver us from the perils that threaten us.

Under God's wings, we will find refuge and not be afraid.

So let us praise God, in song and in silence, with thankful hearts!

We will worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength, now and always.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (All Together): God, our Creator and Sustainer, in you we live and move and have our being. In your depths we find meaning; in your heights we find light and joy. You are the source of peace and hope for all who turn to you. You alone have been our help and our guide; you give us strength and courage when we face challenges. In you we find rest and welcome along the way. We praise you, O God, for your steadfast love. Draw near to us once more in this time of worship. Reveal your purposes for us and prepare us for the days ahead so that our lives may witness to your mercy and grace as we follow Jesus.

HYMN #327 Sing praise to God who reigns above Verses 1,3,5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION God of grace and mercy, we confess that our thoughts are so often not your thoughts; our ways are rarely your ways. Our tempers are short and we fail to act with kindness. Our confidence is weak and we treat others without respect. Our faith falters and we lose track of you. Forgive the many ways we fail you and inspire us to follow you more faithfully.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ – And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. By Christ's mercy, we can make a fresh start following him.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST Take a moment and greet each other

HYMN #346 Jesus the Christ Said: I am the Bread

Jesus the Christ said: "I am the bread,

The bread of life for the world am I.

The bread of life for the world am I,

The bread of life for the world am I."

Jesus the Christ said: "I am the bread,

The bread of life for the world am I."

Jesus the Christ said: "I am the shepherd,
The one good shepherd of the sheep am I.

The one good shepherd of the sheep am I,

The one good Shepherd of the sheep am I."

Jesus the Christ said: "I am the shepherd,

The one good shepherd of the sheep am I."

Jesus the Christ said: "I am the door,
The way and the door for the poor am I.

The way and the door for the poor am I,

The way and the door for the poor am I."

Jesus the Christ said: "I am the door

The way and the door for the poor am I."

Jesus the Christ said: "I am the life,
The resurrection and the life am I."

The resurrection and the life am I,

The resurrection and the life am I."

Jesus the Christ said: "I am the life,

The resurrection and the life am I.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 43:1-2 & John 11:17-37

SERMON

“Even though I walk through the valley...you are with me”

HYMN #685 How Firm a Foundation All Verses

OFFERING The offering can be placed on the offering plates at the back of the church before or during the service at the sound table, or at the front after the service.

DOXOLOGY #517 Verse 3 Offering is brought forward.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Loving God, accept these, our gifts, we pray. Bless them and use them to inspire peace in places of unrest, love in places of resentment, joy in places of fear, and hope in places of loss, all for the sake of Jesus Christ, our friend and Saviour. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Even as we remember the many challenges around us, we give you thanks for the blessings we know, for moments of pleasure, for laughter shared, for conversations that brightened a day. Thank you for your steadfast love and the comfort we draw from your presence with us in all things. And now we offer together the prayer Jesus taught: **LORD’S PRAYER**

HYMN #790 Where is death’s sting? All verses

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

Join us for refreshments in the west transept after worship

Friday, April 4 from 7-8pm Registration at 6:30pm.

TRIVIA FUN at Knox! Light snacks provided. \$5/person with all proceeds going to the Cancer Care Mission.

Sunday School - April 6
Palm Sunday Communion - April 13

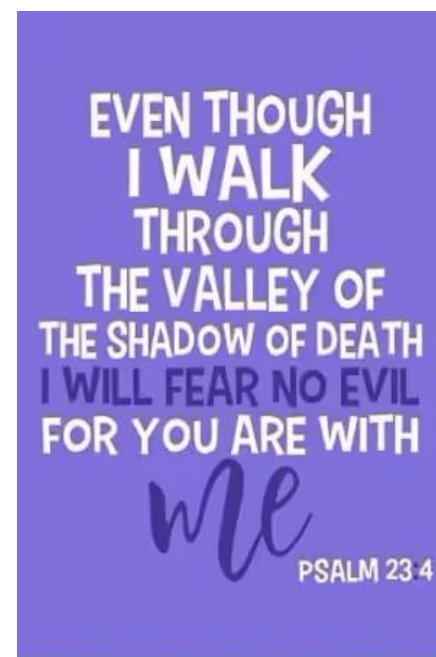
OFFICE HOURS for Pastor Kelli

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm

Please let her know you would like to drop by.

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