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I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me. John 10.14

Wardens: Gloria Kidd 450-678-2460 Jennifer Taylor 450-672-7499 In the absence of a rector, we are pleased to have the ministry of The Rev. Dr. Holly Ratcliffe. We pray God's blessing on our worship this day.

THE HEART OF WORSHIP by Matt Redman

When the music fades all is stripped away and I simply come. Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless your heart.

I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required. You search much deeper within through the ways things appear, you're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship. And it's all about you, all about you Jesus. I'm sorry Lord for the things that I've made it, when its all about you, all about Jesus.

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Children to come forward for a blessing

Children's song: GIVE ME OIL Ann.

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, give me oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, keep me burning till the break of day.

(Chorus) Sing hosanna, Sing hosanna. Sing hosanna to the King of kings, Sing hosanna, Sing hosanna, Sing hosanna to the King.

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, Give me joy in my heart I pray Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, Keep me praising till the break of Day! (Chorus)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

People May he fill our hearts with joy.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest, All and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ. with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect:

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Lesson: Acts 4:1-12a pg. 114

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me:*

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.*

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm Prayer: Glory to you, Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. In the waters of baptism you give us new birth, at your table you nourish us with heavenly food, and in your goodness and mercy, you guide us beyond the terrors of evil and death to your Father's home to dwell in eternal light. Glory to you for ever.

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD by Stuart Townend

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me lie in pastures green. He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.

(Chorus) And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone, for Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, and He anoints my head with oil, and my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights. (Chorus)

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one. For You are with me, and Your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know. (Chorus)

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Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24 pg. 223

The Holy Gospel: St. John 10:11-18 pg. 98

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Holly Ratcliffe

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say, All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Response after each prayer: Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left

undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebrant. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory (during which the tithes and offerings will be received)
O LORD, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL Words and Music by Keith Green
O lord, You're beautiful Your face is all I seek
For when Your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me

O Lord, please light the fire That once burned bright and clear Replace the lamp of my first love That burns with holy fear!

I wanna take Your word And shine it all around But first help me just to live it, Lord! And when I'm doing well Help me to never seek a crown For my reward is giving glory to You

Prayer over the Gifts

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sung Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(Please feel free to either sit or kneel)

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever *All:* **Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, All 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

Prayer of Humble Access: Heavenly Father, We come to your table as your children, Not presuming but assured, Not trusting ourselves but your word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, And ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.

Celebrant The gifts of God, for the people of God

All Thanks be to God

The Receiving of Communion

Please note that Communion is available in two kinds (bread and wine). If you'd prefer to only receive the bread, simply place your arms across your chest when the chalice is presented and we will offer you a blessing. Please remember intinction (dipping the wafer) is not permitted.

Communion Music

LORD, I GIVE YOU MY HEART by Reuben Morgan

This is my desire: to honour You Lord, with all my heart I worship You. All I have within me, I give you praise All that I adore is in You.

(Chorus) Lord, I give you my heart,
I give you my soul, I live for you alone
Every breath that I take,
Every moment I'm awake,
Lord have your way in me.
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WONDERFUL MERCIFUL SAVIOR by Selah

Wonderful Merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men, Oh You rescue the souls of men.

Counsellor, comforter, Keeper Spirit we long to embrace You offer hope when our hearts have Hopelessly lost the way, Oh we hopelessly lost the way.

You are the One that we praise You are the One we adore You give the healing and grace our Hearts always hunger for, Oh our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne, Oh we're falling before Your throne.

Post Communion Prayer: God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Celebrant Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing: May Almighty God make you faithful to His calling, cheerful in His service and fruitful for His kingdom and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and through you with all those to whom he sends you now and always. **Amen**

Hymn: 10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD) Matt Redman (Chorus) Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. (Chorus)

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; 10,000 reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)

And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; still, my soul will sing your praise unending 10,000 years, and then for ever more! (Chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

Dismissal: Let us bless the Lord All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Ministry Of Prayer: There will be a team of two people available at the front of the church providing an opportunity to receive prayer for yourself or someone else. Simply stay behind in the church or walk up to that area if you would like prayer.

Notices:

The church is open on Wednesdays from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. for frozen food pick-up and drop-off of donations/tithing and sandwiches.

Prayer evening –Thursday night, 7:30 p.m., regular zoom meeting.

Community Outreach group – April: Deodorant for men, women and teens.

Monthly Mission: Elementary School breakfast program

SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 28 – Easter 5 Café Worship

May 5 – East 6 Holy Communion

May 12 – Ascension Sunday Morning Prayer

May 19 – Day of Pentecost Holy Communion

May 26 – Trinity Sunday Café Worship