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Third Sunday of Easter, April 21st , 2024

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *Shepherd Psalm Medley* arr. Don Wyrtzen

\*Call to Worship

One: Gentle Shepherd, we hear your voice calling us:

All: “Come and refresh your souls”.

One: Lead us to everlasting springs

All: Where the wolf cannot snatch, and goodness and mercy follow every day.

**\*Hymn of Praise** 546 The Church's One

Foundation AURELIA

1.The church’s one foundation

is Jesus Christ our Lord;

we are his new creation

by water and the Word;

from heaven he came and sought us

that we might ever be

his living servant people,

by his own death set free.

2.Called forth from every nation,

yet one o’er all the earth;

our charter of salvation:

one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name professing

and at one table fed,

to one hope always pressing,

by Christ’s own Spirit led.

3.Though with a scornful wonder

the world sees us oppressed,

by schisms rent asunder,

by heresies distressed,

yet saints their watch are keeping;

their cry goes up, “How long?”

But soon the night of weeping

shall be the morn of song.

4.Mid toil and tribulation,

and tumult of our war,

we wait the consummation

of peace forevermore;

till with the vision glorious

our longing eyes are blest,

and the great church victorious

shall be the church at rest.

5.We now on earth have union

with God the Three in Once,

and share through faith communion

with those whose rest is won.

Oh, happy ones, and holy!

Lord, give us grace that we

like them, the meek, and lowly,

on high may dwell with thee.

Opening Prayer

God of love, you poured yourself out for the world in Jesus Christ, teaching us to love as he loved. Shape us as your children, weaving us together as one community engaged in sharing your grace and love as we have been taught. Amen.

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,**

leads me beside still waters,

restores my life,

**leads me in right paths**

**for the sake of the Lord’s name.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff,**

**they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

**You anoint my head with oil,**

**my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord**

**As long as I live.**

Music of Preparation *Yes! Jesus Loves Me!*

arr. Tom Osiek

The Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading John 10:11-18

Sermon Good Shepherd

**Music of Response** *Gentle Shepherd*

GENTLE SHEPHERD

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,

for we need you to help us find our way.

Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,

for we need your strength from day to day.

There’s no other we can turn to

who can help us face another day;

gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,

for we need you to help us find our way.

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

**Loving God, you shepherd us with utmost care and yet we are consumed with wanting more. O Lord, other pastures seem greener.  The waters aren’t always still.  Our souls still thirst. We long to be led by you, though we may complain along the path. And we do sometimes fear.  May we feel your presence, your comfort and your forgiveness anew. Teach us to sit down at your table.  Remind us that goodness and mercy follow us every day of our lives for we dwell in your house. Amen.**

*Adapted from work by Rev. Emily Schlaman Larsen*

Pastor:  Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love.  In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Christ you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God, Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

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, forever, Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

**Offertory** *God is my Shepherd* Antonin Dvorak

John Neve, solo

\*Doxology 94 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here be low: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Offertory Prayer

Baptism Amelia Himawari George

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ’s holy Church.

We are incorporated into God’s mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God’s gift, offered to us without price…

To the community of the church and the family of this child:

Will you nurture Amelia, and one another

in community,

that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God’s grace for herself,

to share grace openly, and to lead a life of compassion and love?

If so your answer is We will: we will.

Do you, as Christ’s body, the Church,

reaffirm both your rejection of sin

and your commitment to Christ?

If so your answer is we do: We Do.

Will you nurture Amelia and her family in faith and life and include them in your care?

With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Amelia with a community of love and forgiveness,

that she may grow in her trust of God,

and be found faithful in her service.

We will pray for Will and Alex,

Amelia’s Godparents, and entire family

as they walk in the way that leads to life.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray….

Pour out your Holy Spirit,

to bless this gift of water and she who receives it,

let this be your sign to all of us that we are part of your covenant, your redemption and salvation,

and that throughout our lives there is no where we can be apart from your saving grace.

\*\*All praise to you, Eternal Father,

through your Son Jesus Christ,

who with you and the Holy Spirit

lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Amelia Himawari George I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you,

that being born through water and the Spirit,

you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Now it is our joy to welcome

our new sister in Christ.

Through baptism

you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit

into God’s new creation and made to share in Christ’s eternal grace We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you our newest member of the family of Christ.

**\*Sending Hymn** 128 He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought HE LEADETH ME

1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.  
  
Refrain:  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
by his own hand he leadeth me;  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.  
  
2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.  
(Refrain)  
  
3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.  
(Refrain)

Benediction

Pastor: The voice of the shepherd is calling; do we hear it?

All: Let us be one, fearing no evil, sharing mercy and grace, dwelling in the house of the Lord all the days of our life. Amen.

**Postlude**  *Toccata No. 3 (DUKE STREET)* arr. Joel Raney

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