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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

PRELUDE

Le Bon Pasteur
(The Good Shepherd)

Paul Benoit

INTROIT

Alleluia

Andrea Gabrieli

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

*HYMN 144

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

HYFRYDOL

*OPENING SENTENCES

The Reverend Laura Colee

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, and who shall stand in the holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not live up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek the LORD, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Psalm 24:1-6

*PRAYER OF ADORATION



A - men.

WELCOME

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we know that all that we have, everything about who we are, even the breath we breathe are gifts from your gracious and abundant hand. The earth, the fullness thereof, unfold before us to delight us and fill us. Given grace upon grace, our lives might stand as continual offerings of thanksgiving for what we have received. And yet, too often, we see not abundance but scarcity. We worry that we will not have enough. We neglect to care for those who need us to be generous. Our actions are not commensurate with how we have been blessed. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us to see your abundance not as temporary, but as the very foundation upon which our lives are built, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

KYRIE 574 (*Choir and Congregation*)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the promise of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Edward Bairstow

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth,
And oh, what transports of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And gently on his shoulder laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

—Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), after Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

(p. 118)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18

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EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

(p. 235)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

LAUDA ANIMA

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, now and ever more shall be.

SERMON

Truth and Action

Dr. Mullis

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

1 John 3:18

***HYMN 172**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

You may bring your offering forward during the offertory, or place it in the plates after the service.

You may also give online; information is available on the card in the pew rack.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

Philip Ledger

Loving shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand.

I would bless thee every day, gladly all thy will obey,
Like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,
Till before my Father's throne, I shall know as I am known.

—Jane Leeson

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise God above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 417	Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation	REGENT SQUARE
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	Amen, from <i>Preces and Responses</i>	Janet Wheeler
POSTLUDE	Trumpet Tune in E-flat	David N. Johnson

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“Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.”

—Mother Teresa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 21, 2024

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, April 22	Membership & Evangelism Committee	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 28	Deacons	12:30 p.m.

TWENTIES & THIRTIES HOT SAUCE TASTING LUNCH - TODAY

After worship today the T&Ts will gather in the MacColl Room to taste test 10 hot sauces from Season 13 of Hot Ones over chicken and fries. Contact Laura Colee to learn more.

TWENTIES & THIRTIES DINNER W/CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION AT PENN

FPC T&Ts are having dinner with the Christian Association at UPenn (118 S. 37th Street) on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Laura (youngadults@fpcphila.org).

SOJOURNER TRUTH WALK - SATURDAY, MAY 4

Join or sponsor the FPCP team for the Sojourner Truth Walk on Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m., in support of Camp Sojourner Girls Leadership Camp. For more information visit our website, or contact Jordana Woodford (missions@fpcphila.org).

MEMBERSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

First Church is scheduling a new members class in June. If you are interested in becoming a member of First Church, please contact Rev. Laura Colee (laura.colee@fpcphila.org).

For complete announcements, subscribe to our weekly email at [fpcphila.org/subscribe](https://www.fpcphila.org/subscribe).

SOULS SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT™

EXHIBITION

Portraits of Loved Ones Taken by Gun Violence

The First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia

Old Buttonwood Hall

May 5 - May 31, 2024

Opening Reception and Program - Sunday, May 5 @ 12 NOON

On Sunday, May 5, the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force invites you to attend the opening of the Souls Shot Portrait Project Exhibition after the 11 AM worship service. A light lunch will be served by the Deacons. The portraits you will see in Old Buttonwood Hall are of loved ones lost to gun violence; the portraits are created by local artists in conversation with grieving families. We also hope that your encounter with these souls will lead you to take action.

The Task Force also invites you to travel with us to the Pennsylvania State Capitol in Harrisburg on Tuesday, May 7, with CeaseFirePA to their major annual event, End Gun Violence: PA Advocacy Day. We hope that you will consider signing up. More information on the day and registration can be found at www.ceasefirepa.org under "upcoming events." If you'd like to participate, please contact Diane Rogers (rogerdi5115@gmail.com).