



First Presbyterian Church

201 S. High St.
Kirksville, MO

May 11, 2025 – 4th Sunday of Easter

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!
Blessing and honor is yours, O God.
Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

*Gathering Prayer

*Hymn 352 *“My Lord! What a Morning”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*Hymn 581 *“Glory Be to the Father”*

We Listen to God's Word

*Prayer of Illumination

Shepherd of Souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. Amen.

*Hymn 701 *"Lord, Prepare Me"*

Scripture:

New Testament Lesson	<i>Acts 9:36-43</i>	New Testament pg 128
New Testament Lesson	<i>Revelation 7:9-17</i>	New Testament pg 249
Psalter	<i>Psalms 23</i>	Old Testament pg 501

(The congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses.)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson	<i>John 10:22-30</i>	New Testament pg 104
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The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Message "Sheep are really dumb." Dr. Paul Yoder

*Hymn 802 *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

We Respond in Faith

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his 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.

[Remain standing and sing]

*Hymn 469 *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

In this season of Easter rejoicing, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings saying, O Risen Christ, **Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.**

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.

4th Sunday of Easter

Opportunities for Ministry

Clothes Closet Volunteers - We especially need help sorting donated items in the back next Tuesday, May 13 (it is starting to pile up!) We also need people to sign up for the following days in May: (**please go to:**

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oWylRs_LppiNMnxs_ZEDytWo_8GVt7MmWpwVFkwbGLg/edit?usp=sharing)

Tues May 13 Sorting 9:00-11:00

Tues May 13 Distributing 1:00-3:00

Tues May 20 Sorting 9:00-11:00

Sat May 24 Distributing 1:00-3:00

Tues May 27 Sorting 9:00-11:00

Sat May 31 Distributing 1:00-3:00

Church Office Hours - Hopefully I will be back to normal (or mostly normal hours) starting this week. I do have to leave early on Thursday for the monthly PAC meeting. Thank you all for your understanding, prayers, calls, texts, meals, and cards as I recovered from surgery!

Offering

*Hymn 606 *“Doxology”*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 547 *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*

We Depart to Serve

Charge and Blessing

Sung Benediction Hymn 70 *“What Does the Lord Require of You?”*

Postlude

4th Sunday of Easter

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 11 - Dr. Paul Yoder/Happy Mother's Day

10:30 a.m. – Worship; **11:30 a.m.** - Fellowship

Tuesday, May 13

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group;

1:00 p.m. - Clothes Closet open to General Public; **7:00 p.m.** - Session Meeting

Sunday, May 18 - Dr. Paul Yoder

10:30 a.m. – Worship; **11:30 a.m.** - Fellowship

Tuesday, May 20

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group;

Attendance May 4, 2025

In person – 48

Online – 5

Church Office Hours This Week

Monday-Wednesday & Friday - 8:00 a.m. - noon. Thursday 8:00 - 11:15 a.m.

May Food of the Month for PAC

Canned Meat

352 My Lord! What a Morning

Refrain

My Lord! what a morn - ing; my Lord! what a morn - ing;

O my Lord! what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to

Fine

fall, when the stars be - gin to fall. 1 You will hear the trum - pet
2 You will hear the sin - ner
3 You will hear the Chris - tian

sound
cry, shout, to wake the na - tions un - der ground,

to Refrain

look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

This spiritual reflects on Jesus' saying about the endtimes as recorded in Matthew 24:29–30/Mark 13:24–26. It belongs to the slower, less common style of spirituals with long, sustained phrases and was among those popularized in concerts by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Lord, Prepare Me

701

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul’s reminder to the Christians at Corinth that “[they] are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in [them].”

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MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

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SANCTUARY

Irregular

802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and O what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a whole chord, followed by a series of eighth notes and quarter notes, including a triplet of eighth notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The top staff features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes. The bottom staff continues the harmonic support with chords and single notes.

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The third system concludes the chorus. The top staff ends with a quarter note followed by a half note. The bottom staff provides the final accompaniment, ending with a half note.

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**Or "God"*

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

What Does the Lord Require of You? 70

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm)
 B^b F Gm Dm

*1.

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2.

Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3.

To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

(C) (G) (Am) (D) (G)
 E^b B^b Cm F B^b *Repeat as desired*

What does the Lord re - quire of you?
 walk hum - bly with your God.
 and walk hum - bly with your God.

**The three melodic phrases may be sung consecutively, as a canon, or in any combination.*

This text is a very slight paraphrase of the latter part of Micah 6:8. That verse sums up in a single sentence the legal, ethical, and covenantal requirements of religion. The intertwining of these commitments can be suggested by singing these phrases in an overlapping canon.