

* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

After worship, the minister stands at the side door, the closest exit for those with special needs.

Citations for references used during worship are available upon request, from the ministers.

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship, *unless otherwise noted*.

Lectionary Year C for the Fourth Sunday in Easter, **May 8:**
Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17,
John 10:22-30.

Lectionary Year C for the Fifth Sunday in Easter, **May 15:**
Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6,
John 13:31-35.

A lectionary is a selection of Bible readings to be used for worship and study. This congregation uses the Revised Common Lectionary, which follows the liturgical year in a three-year cycle. Its scriptural recommendations complement the current season of the liturgical year.



We welcome all to the community of Jesus:
to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022 10 a.m.

LARGE PRINT

Welcome and announcements

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

Opening Music *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Grant Smith, clarinet; Rebecca Oden, piano

Confirmation of Grant Wesley Smith

Candle lighting

Prayer for New Member and Laying on of Hands

Call to Worship Based on *Psalm 23*

One Voice: We rejoice in the One who leads us
beside still waters,

All Voices: and gives us refreshment of soul.

One: Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,

All: so that the name of God will be glorified.

One: Though all manner of evil befall us,
we will not be afraid,

All: for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

One: We are never away from the love and mercy
of the Lord,

All: and we shall be with him forever and ever. Amen!

***Opening Hymn** *Gather Us In* Song sheet
Jonah Thomas, guitar

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We are an ecumenical congregation
in a Presbyterian Church, USA form.

We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

We are a Hunger Action Congregation.
We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah — we know you by many names, Lord. Your presence fills our lives — all that we are and all that we have comes from you, all that you do declares your love for us. Yet when trouble comes, when adversity plagues us, we wonder where you are; we even wonder who you are. How quickly we forget that you are always with us. Dispel our gloom and despair. Change our clothes of darkness into clothing of dazzling light. Spread your table before us, and feed us from your hand. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors in whatever way you can, both now and after the service.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sung Response** *Glory to God,* Song sheet
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

First Scripture Reading *Psalms 23*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

The One-Star Shepherd

Children from age 4-5th grade may now come forward to partake in the delights of the Grace Space — a spot in the sanctuary designed especially for them.

Second Scripture Reading *John 10:22-30*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

The Shepherd Keeps His Sheep

Andrew Long

Affirmation of Faith

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

King James Version

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if your words are different than your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully make a donation to contribute to the continued life and work of our congregation. Please consider mailing contributions directly, or using our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

Offertory

Blessed Assurance

Jared Gill, violin; Rebecca Oden, piano

* Doxology

Praise God, Song sheet
from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Sending Hymn

*We Are Marching
in the Light of God*

Song sheet