CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

Peter Koenig, *I am the Gate*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

April 30, 2023

The Order for Morning Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023 Ten-Thirty O'Clock

**At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit*

Please silence all electronic devices prior to the service

Nursery is available as needed, please text/call 234-262-0016.
Children's church (age 3-5th grade) is available after the Children's sermon

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary "Sometimes a Light Surprises" Brenda Austin
Christ Church Ringers
Julie Sarver, flute

Worship and Welcome Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts. *Acts 2:42–47*
People: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.
Leader: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.
People: Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.
Leader: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.
People: For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

***Hymn #669** "Let's Sing unto the Lord" Cantemos al Señor
1st: all sing verse 1
2nd: all sing verse 2
3rd: choir only
4th: all sing verse 1

Prayer of the Day** ***(in unison)

Good Shepherd, *John 10:1–10*
you call us by name,
and we know your voice.
Open the gate for us,
that we may come and go freely,
have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

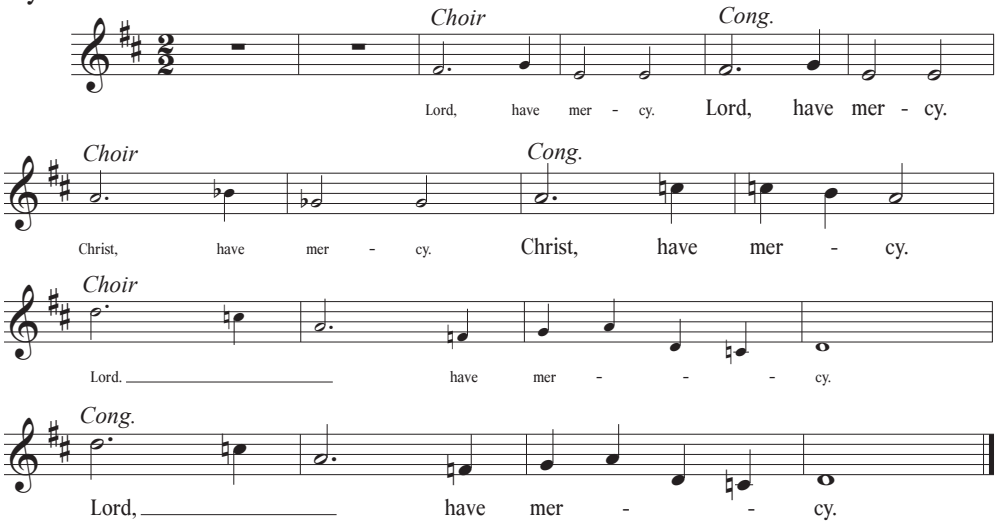
Call to Confession

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls. *Ps. 23:1, 3*

Prayer of Confession ***(in unison)***

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another *1 Pet. 2:19–25*
that we have not always followed Christ's example.
When we have been abused,
we have been abusive in return.
We have gone astray.
Lead us back into your fold
and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.

Kyrie A. Fedak



***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, the promise of our faith is that *1 Pet. 2:19–25*
if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly,
we need not feel threatened,
for we will be returned to righteousness.
Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold,
let us share our peace with one another.

***Response to the Assurance of Pardon: Hymn #587** Celtic Alleluia

Children are now invited to come forward.

Listen for God's Word Read and Proclaimed

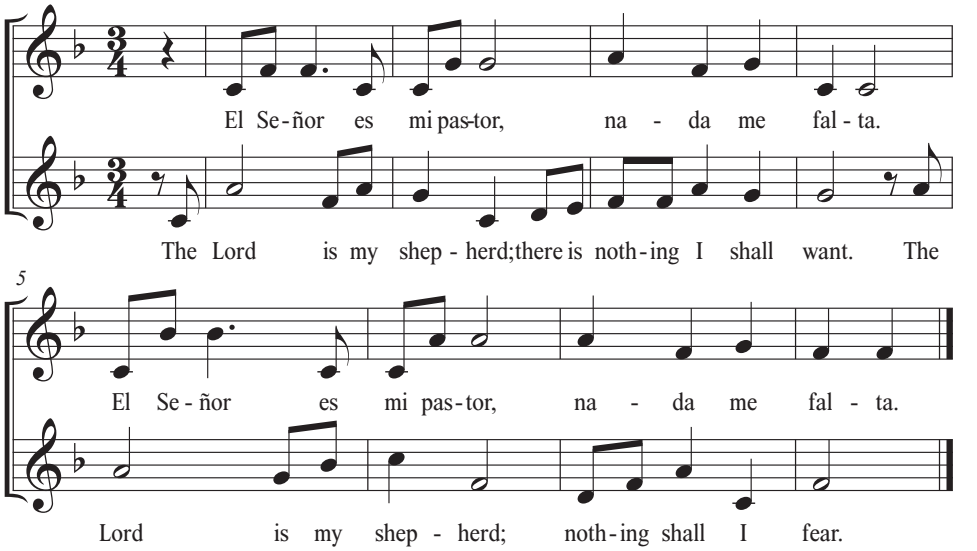
Message for Children

Following the children's message, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to follow the teachers out the pulpit-side door for Kids' Church. They can be picked up in the lower level following the service.

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us *Acts 2:42*
to be devoted to the teachings of your Word,
that through it we may hear your voice *John 10:4*
and follow it into eternal life. **Amen**.

First Reading Psalm 23



Second Reading Acts 2:42–47

"Life among the Believers"

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 886
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible pp. 145–46

***Hymn #247** "Now the Green Blade Rises" Noël Novelet

Gospel Reading John 10:1–10

"Jesus the Good Shepherd"

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible p. 872
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 126

Sermon "Jesus the Sheep Gate" Rev. César Carhuachín

Our Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed,* p. 35

Prayers of the People *and* the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem Mack Wilberg

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Julie Sarver, Flute

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways,
and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
No more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

***Doxology: Hymn #716, vs. 1** Beach Spring

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Prayer of Dedication *(in unison)

Holy and generous God,
you have anointed us and we are yours. *Ps. 23:5*
Bless these tithes and offerings
that they may become green pastures and still waters *Ps. 23:2*
for any and all who need your comfort and restoration. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Closing Hymn #382** "Heaven Is Singing for Joy" Alegría

***Benediction**

Response: "Alleluia" K. Lee Scott

Voluntary "Toccata Brevis" Daniel Gawthrop

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of May 7, 2023

Using Sunday's Order of Worship, we enter into worship and prayer every day of the week. We worship together…separately.

The Call to Worship
The Prayer of Adoration (followed by silence)
The Prayer of Confession (followed by silence)
The Assurance of Pardon
Scripture Readings: Worship texts for May 7, 2023

Mon: Acts 7:55–60	Thurs: John 14:1–14
Tues: Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16	Fri: Acts 7:55–60
Wed: 1 Peter 2:2–10	Sat: Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16

Silent Meditation and Prayer (Listening for God's Voice in Scripture and Silence)
Prayers of the People (Lifting others before God)
Prayer of Dedication
Becoming Familiar with Holy Scripture (If you wish to become more familiar with the Bible and the best known stories of Scripture)
The New Covenant is Predicted (Jeremiah 31)

Preparing for Sunday, May 7, 2023
Consider: Is the "dwelling place" (John 14:1–14) of which Jesus speaks a place for us after we die, or does it include our life in the present? What does Jesus mean when he says that his disciples "will do greater works"? What does it mean to pray "in Jesus' name"?

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Activities for the Week of April 30, 2023

Today

9:00–9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir (Choir Room)
9:00 a.m.	Children and Youth Classes open
9:15–10:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Westminster Hall)
9:30–10:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m.	Youth Activity: Destination Unknown 2
2:00 p.m.	Downtown Canton Historical Church Tour

Monday

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Parlor)
11:30 a.m.	Church Office/Building Closed for Remainder of Day
12:00 p.m.	Staff Appreciation Lunch

Tuesday

11:15–12:15 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 p.m.	Special Session Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday

8:00–9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry (Zoom)
7:00 p.m.	Deacon's Meeting (Parlor)

Thursday

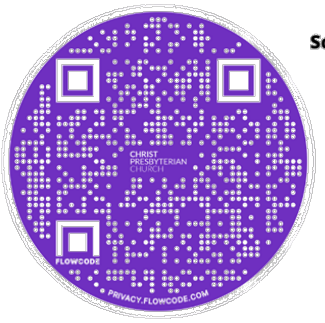
9:30–11:00 a.m	Women's Bible Study (Parlor and Zoom)
1:30 p.m.	Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group (Parlor)
7:15–9:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)

Saturday

2:00 p.m.	Tea for Tiqvah (Westminster Hall)

Sunday, May 7, 2023—Canton Marathon! Watch out for road closures!

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir (Choir Room)
9:00 a.m.	Children and Youth Classes open
9:15–10:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Westminster Hall)
9:30–10:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
12:00 p.m.	Youth Group (pick up at 2 p.m.)



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