

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn of Commissioning**

Oh How I Love Jesus

(insert)

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Sunday Order of Worship

April 14, 2024

**We are a community of believers, sharing God's love, in worship
and service, as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

The marks of this life are:

Pray daily;

Worship weekly;

Enjoy spiritual friendships;

Read and study the Scriptures;

Engage in service in and beyond the church;

Share the Good News of the Gospel with others, and

Practice generosity with one's time, talent, and money.

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Worship Service

11:00 am

* Those who are able, please stand. **Bold** is to be read in unison.

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Victor Holton

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize Him and therefore did not worship Him. Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who He is, that we might worship Him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

People: We open our eyes to see His glory. We open our ears to hear His wisdom. We open our hands to offer Him gifts. We open our mouths to sing His praise. We open our hearts to offer Him our love. He is Lord!

*Hymn of Praise

To God Be the Glory

No. 634

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Grace (Responsive)

Leader: God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

People: Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him!

—Romans 5:8-9, NIV

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

Pew Bible page 384

Luke 24:36-53

Second Scripture Lesson

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Anthem

Sermon

Open Minded

Rev. Weekley

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of the Day

I Need Thee Every Hour

No. 735

*Affirmation of Faith

Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

—from Philippians 2:5-11, NRSV

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

John Chvatal

The Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving