



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

Oh, How I Love Jesus

19th century USA melody

The Call to Worship

Leader: Awake! Rise up!

People: There is much to be done in the Lord's Name today.

Leader: Get ready to worship and to serve God.

People: We are ready to hear God's word for us and to respond in action and love.

Leader: Open your hearts to God's will this day.

People: Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us. Amen.

The Hymn No. 2213

Healer of Our Every Ill

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Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1. You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. **Refrain**
2. In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. **Refrain**
3. Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. **Refrain**
4. You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. **Refrain**

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The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **With joy we come this day to the house of the Lord.**

**God provides for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear,
even when we turn away.**

God is faithful.

Open our hearts today, O Lord,

**to hear your word for us that we may become
faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. Amen.**

The Scripture Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

The Sermon

Being the Easter Church in a Post-Pandemic World

Dr. Matthew Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Robert Leaf

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| <p>1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.</p> <p>2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.</p> <p>3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.</p> | <p>4. 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.</p> <p>5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!</p> <p>6. And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.</p> |
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The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Hymn

Gifts for Sharing

The Kind Heart of a Woman Failed

Words: Mary Nelson Keithahn

Music: Traditional English Melody



1. The kind heart of a wo - man failed and
2. A cle - ver mer - chant, Ly - di - a, in
3. Pri - scil - la and A - qui - la worked with
4. No mat - ter where we work or live or



men were sent to plead, "Dear Pe - ter, come to
an - cient Phi - li - pi, grew weal - thy sell - ing
Paul at mak - ing tents, while teach - ing, preach - ing
wor - ship in this land, you grace us with your



Jop - pa now for Dor - cas is in need. Re -
pur - ple goods, as Paul did tes - ti - fy. "This
God in Christ to Cor - inth res - i - dents. A -
pre - sence, God, and gift us by your hand with



store her to the cha - ri - ties that
wo - man shares her for - tune to sup -
pol - los said, "What I have learned has
ta - lents, skills, a bi - li - ties more



we have come to know. She has a gift for
port us where we go. She has a gift for
set my faith a - glow. They have a gift for
use - ful than we know. We all have gifts for



sew - ing that has helped the church to grow."
busi - ness that has helped the church to grow."
teach - ing that has helped the church to grow."
shar - ing that can help the church to grow.

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*Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us this morning
and throughout the week to make this worship possible.*

Scriptures

Acts 9:36-43

Peter in Lydda and Joppa

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.