



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it to others seated on your pew.

Minute for Mission

1st Sunday Lunch – Cinco de Mayo

Jason Reed

Passing the Peace of Christ

Organ Voluntary *Now the Green Blade Rises*

NOEL NOUVELET, arr. Paul Manz

Introit *Alleluia*

J. S. Bach

†Call to Worship

Steven English

One: We come to God, our holy shepherd, as we come to a green meadow.

All: God prepares a place for us, and we give glory in God's presence.

One: How excellent is this dwelling place under the eyes of God's care.

All: We turn to God in joy. Our good shepherd provides for all our needs.

†Hymn #624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

*I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art my only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;
Sustain us by thy faith and by thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.*

*Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness; no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.
O grant to us the grace we find in thee, that we may dwell in perfect unity.*

*Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.*

Prayer of Confession

What love you have given us, O God, that we can call you our good shepherd. What love you have given us, O Christ, that we should share a table with you. Forgive us when we act as if we were your only children: when we do not recognize your image in the faces of strangers, enemies, or friends; when we do not share our own tables, forgetting that we need each other. Forgive us, O Christ, maker of peace, and teach us to follow in your way.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Response #248 *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (verse 1)*

HYMN TO JOY

***Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.***

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading John 10:11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Anthem *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

John Ness Beck

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

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.

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

Amen

Old Testament Reading Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Sermon *"My Lord, My Shepherd"*

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

†**Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed** (p.35)

†**Hymn #187** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.*

*We are yours: in love befriend us be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.*

*You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.*

*Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory *Good Christian Friends*

GELOBT SEI GOTT arr. Paul Manz

Sacrament of Holy Communion



Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Receiving the Elements

Prayer After Communion

†**Hymn #515** *I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here, alive among us here.*

*Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one*

†Charge and Benediction

†**Response** *Amen in G*

Hal H. Hopson

Postlude *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN arr. Paul Manz

†*Please stand in body or spirit*

Flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Worship Ministry.

Worship in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream can be found at fpcpasadena.org.

FPC Sunday School: All classes except Men's Bible Study begin at 9 am.

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study**—8:45 am in the Library. Led by Mark Corder.
- **Stepping Out in Faith**—Bride's Room & Zoom (*contact Bonnie Keith for the Zoom link*). Pat Abrams leads the current study of *Paul for Everyone: 1 Corinthians*, by N. T. Wright.
- **Current Christianity**—Room #8. Mark Clemmons leads the current study of the book *Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice* by Dr. Scott Black Johnston.
- **Kindergarten through 5th grade**—Room #7. Led by Bonnie Keith and Donna Gilcrest.
- **6th-12th grade** led by James Jackson and Brian Davis meets in Room #10.



Drop by the Fellowship Hall after Sunday School or before worship for fellowship, a cup of coffee, and possibly a 'treat'...10-10:30 every Sunday morning.

Austin Seminary Video Series on JUDAISM (Part 2) — concludes tomorrow, Monday April 22nd from 10-Noon in the Bride's Room. Come be a part of this well received video series and discussion led by Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair. *Part 1 is not required to join in Part 2.* Come early for coffee and a good seat!

*****DATE/TIME CHANGE*** BROWN BAG & BIBLE** meets **THIS** week only on **Tuesday, April 23 at 12:30 pm** (*not Wednesday at noon*). Regular schedule resumes Wednesday, May 1 at noon.

BRUNCH & BOOK GROUP — meets **next** on Saturday morning, May 18, 10-Noon in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the book **Tom Lake, by Ann Patchett**. Look for flyer of upcoming books in the hallway.

1st Sunday Lunch, May 5, Cinco de Mayo potluck! Bring your favorite Cinco de Mayo themed dish to the May/Mayo potluck to share. ¡Delicioso

The Mo-Ranch Women's Conference will be June 7-9. The theme this year is Getting to the Good Part! Weaving Community in Christ, based on Luke 10:38-42. The cost per person will be \$425. If you are interested in going, please contact Bonnie Keith. Carpooling can be arranged. For more information, go to: <https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/adult-conferences/womens-conference/>.

Save the Date — Taco and a Prayer is **Thursday, May 16, 2024**. Watch for opportunities to serve in the bulletin and newsletter.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Kay Goates; Mary & Rex Knapik; Mike & Susan Wallace; Margaret Bardin; Barbara Chitwood; Emma Abrams; Maurice Barclay; Pat Pesl; Kay Hutson; Brad Stratton; Imelda Carrillo; Anne Berridge; Corrie Martinez, friend of Richard Heeth; Patricia Roberts, John Griswold's sister; Scott Bash; Akilah Woods, friend of Samantha Cayton; Bill Myers, friend of John and Liz Griswold; Scott Moelman, Lou Anne Sinor's nephew; Sherry Sinor, the Sinor's daughter-in-law; Leah Slaven; Deborah Gaskins, Joan Gibertini's daughter; Ukraine and the Middle East.

Loss of loved one: Former member, Robert "Bob" Klepser, died. Please keep the Klepser family in your prayers.

Sunday, April 21	Sunday School—Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School—All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship—Communion	10:30 am
	Deacon's Meeting—#10	11:30 am
	Handbell Practice—#11	12:15 pm
	Ministerio Corban—FH	4-8:30 pm
Monday, April 22	Judaism Study—Bride's Room	10:00 am
Tuesday, April 23	Brown Bag & Bible (<i>this week only</i>)	12:30 pm
	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15 pm
Wednesday, April 24	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Prayer Shawl—#10 and Zoom	1:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	Ministerio Corban—FH	7-10:00 pm
Thursday, April 25	Men's Breakfast—Frank's	7:30 am
	Intercessory Prayer—Library	11:00 am
	Chain Stitchers—FH	12:00 pm
	Private Mtg/Ortiz—Library	3:30 pm
	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm
	Chain Stitchers—#9	6:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15 pm
	Private Mtg/HOA—#10	6:30 pm
Saturday, April 27	Men's Breakfast—FH	8:00 am
Sunday, April 28	Sunday School—Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School—All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Handbell Practice—#11	12:15 pm
	Private/DAR—Oasis	2-4:30 pm
	Ministerio Corban—FH	4-8:30 pm

Mission Statement

"Our mission is to live and share the good news of God's love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace."

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