

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2014

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The Approach to God

PRELUDE

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.” The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #104**

“The Lord’s My Shepherd” (first tune)

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER

(unison)

God of Sarah, Rachel, Mary and Martha, we offer to you thanksgiving for those women who have been an important part of our lives. For the women who given us life and for those who have nurtured that life we give you praise. We thank you also for those who have nurtured and fed our spiritual lives as we have grown in relationship to you. Bless these women and help us to share the love we have felt from them with others. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE

UNISON READING #57 **Romans 8** (Page 529 Hymnal)

***GLORIA PATRI** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **Psalm 23** (Page 23 Old Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #369** *“How Firm a Foundation”* (second tune)

SERMON **“Watching Over Us”**

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1 (insert)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #374** *“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*
(Our monthly Mission Offering will be collected during the first verses.)

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Matt & Ruth Den Dulk

Ushers: Jane & Jeff DeWitt, Duane & Becky Woodward

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship:

Next week's stewards (**May 18**):

Greeters: Bill & Sabra Leadbitter

Ushers: Bill & Sabra Leadbitter, Mike & Mandy Shafer

Nursery: Melissa Matson

Fellowship: Luncheon

TODAY IS MISSION SUNDAY

The Mission for the month of May is The Caring Place.

FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given by Bob & Nancy Dey in honor of all mothers and in celebration of the 101st birthday of Nancy's mother on May 13.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON/FOOD PANTRY

Next Sunday is our Monthly Luncheon; please bring a dish to share. Also, consider bringing an item for the food pantry. Needed items are as follows: crackers, canned chicken & tuna, stewed tomatoes, tomato sauce, canned peaches, cereal, jelly, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing and toothpaste.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

THE RECORD WE WROTE: April 30, 2014

April YTD

Income: \$18,157 \$66,813

Expense: \$18,450 \$81,650

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer:

That I am not my own,
But belong – body and soul, in life and in death-
To my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
And has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way
That not a hair can fall from my head
Without the will of the Father in heaven:

In fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
Assures me of eternal life
And makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
From now on to live for him.