

An Order for the Worship of God

April 25, 2021 4th Sunday of Easter Paraments – White/Gold
10:45 a.m. Live-Stream/In-Person

Gathering Music (10:30) Mrs. Trish Foy

Invocation

Voluntary *Prelude* H. Coleman

***Call to Worship** Dr. Jonathan McNair

Leader: God of the past, who has created
and nurtured us,

All: **we are here to thank you.**

Leader: God of the future, who is always ahead of us,

All: **we are here to thank you.**

Leader: God of the present, who is here
in the midst of us,

All: **we are here to thank you.**

Leader: God of life, who is beyond us and within us,

All: **we rejoice in your glorious love.**

***Hymn 57** (st. 1-3, 5 and 7)

(You may sing lightly behind your mask.)

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.

(Words: Charles Wesley, 1739)

Psalms 23 Litany

The Lord is my Shepherd —
that's Relationship!

I shall not want —
that's Supply.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures —
that's Rest!

He leads me beside the still waters —

that's Refreshment!

He restores my soul —

that's Healing!

He leads me in the paths of righteousness —

that's Guidance!

For His names' sake —

that's Purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil —

that's Protection!

For You are with me —

that's Faithfulness!

Your rod and Your staff they comfort me —

that's Comfort!

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies —

that's Hope!

You anoint my head with oil —

that's Consecration!

My cup runs over —

that's Abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life —

that's Blessing!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord —

that's Security!

Forever — **that's Eternity! Amen!**

Anthem *The Lord's My Shepherd* S. Geschke
The Handbell Choir

A Time for Children Rev. Laura Shearer

Concerns and Celebrations
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson (CEB) Acts 4:5-12

Sermon *We Bear Witness to the Acts of Jesus*
Dr. C. Mark Gooden

***Hymn 571** *Go, Make of All Disciples*

"Go, make of all disciples." We hear the call, O Lord,
that comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning, through earnest, fervent prayer,
and let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.

"Go, make of all disciples," baptizing in the name
of Father, Son, and Spirit, from age to age the same.
We call each new disciple to follow thee, O Lord,
redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.

"Go, make of all disciples." We at thy feet would stay
until each life's vocation accents thy holy way.
We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart,
revealing in our witness the master teacher's art.

(continued)

"Go, make of all disciples." We welcome thy command,
 "Lo, I am with you always." We take thy guiding hand.
 The task looms large before us; we follow without fear;
 in heaven and earth thy power shall bring
 God's kingdom here.

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Benediction

Voluntary *Fugue in 3 Voices* C. Zeuner

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Organist: David Patton **Songleader:** Madison Byrd

Acolytes: Emily Tolar, Ethan Tolar, and Simon Kitts

Handbell Choir: Cindy Stulce, Betsy Chesney,
 Donna Harvey, Martha Horn, Jennifer Fry, Susie Dailey,
 Pauline Martin, James Harr, Jim Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you feel the calling to help end homelessness?

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, thru the FUSE program, is offering Permanent Supportive Housing to people who are homeless and disabled by mental illness. Support services are available, but finding housing is a challenge.

There is a desperate need for one-bedroom and efficiency rental units. The HCSO FUSE team is looking for landlords who would be willing to accept less than "market rate" for the rent.

For those of you who own rental property, a member of the team would like the opportunity to talk further about this community need. Please contact Barb Bowen at BarbandBillBowen@gmail.com or call her at 423-667-1006 for more information.



2021 Holston Annual Conference Hands-On Mission Project for Zimbabwe

Scenic South District Goal – 400

Pack all items in a NEW 5-gallon bucket with lid.

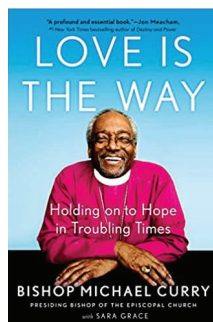
\$5 per bucket *Collection deadline: Sunday, May 30*

- 1 bottle hand sanitizer (10 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle toilet cleaner (24 oz. or less)
- 1 laundry detergent (liquid OR powder, 40 loads or less)
- 1 bottle dish liquid (25 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle shampoo (15 oz. or less)
- 1 spray antiperspirant (7 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle antibacterial hand soap (10 oz. or less)
- 1 roll paper towels

On Line Giving Change

As a part of our recent website redesign, we have changed the platform that we use for electronic giving. Over the next six weeks we will be transitioning away from e-giving and begin Subsplash giving.

If that is how you are currently giving you should receive an email from our business office soon with details about how to switch over. It is easy to sign up and a great tool for generosity for our congregation.



Join us for Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesdays April 27 – May 26
 @ 6:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/93270919216?pwd=OEhCcGJlUdlp4Uk53aFUwM3Z0ZG0zd09>

VBS July 19-23, 2021



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registers early!

Your Children's Ministry Needs YOU!

Do you feel the gentle tap, nudge, or pull of God? There is nothing quite like sharing Jesus's love with children; watching their faces light up in awe of their Heavenly Father is incredibly rewarding. Call Beth today to join us for a short hour full of laughter on Sundays and your heart will be smiling all week!

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First-Centenary United Methodist Church Children's Ministry

