



# DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Today is the fourth Sunday of Easter. Many people think Easter is a day (and it is) but it is also a season, from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday. Worshiping communities that recognize the season often sing more alleluias, include more prayers of praise, and emphasize the power of the resurrection of Jesus.

The banners in the Sanctuary represent our international partnerships with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kenya and the Kilambe communities in Nicaragua. An identical banner is in their worship spaces. Learn more about our partnerships at our website or use this QR code.

Prelude (8:45) The Lord's My Shepherd Fraser Wilson  
Colleen Bosak-Harrison and Stephanie Johnson, soloists

(11:00) Trio Sonata in c minor – Andante Moderato Johann Quantz  
Linda Dumizo, Flute, Greta Munger, Oboe, and Rosemary Klein, Piano

**\*Call to Worship**

**One:** Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

**All: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.**

**One:** Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

**All: Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

**\*Hymn 187** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

**\*Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession**

**All: Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.**

*Please continue your prayers in silence.*

**\*Declaration of Love**

**One:** Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.

**All: We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

**\*Song of Praise** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks ALLELUIA NO. 1

**All Sing:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission Hearts, Hands and Voices

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Jester Hairston (1901-2000), African American composer and choral conductor, made it his mission to transcribe African American spirituals. He believed that spirituals serve a

## HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

**All: God our helper, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.**

Psalm 23

Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen

**All Sing:**

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my needs from death into life.**

Time with Children

Musical Offering

Lamb of God

Lloyd Larson

Linda Dumizo, Flute, Greta Munger, Oboe, and Rosemary Klein, Piano

Scripture

1 John 3: 16-24

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

What's Love Got to Do with It?

John Ryan

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn 802 (11:00)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

**All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offertory (8:45)

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Allen Pote

Text from Psalm 23

(11:00)

In Dat Great Gettin' Up Mornin'

Jester Hairston

Michael Archer, soloist

I'm-a goin' to tell you 'bout de comin' of de Savior, Dere's a better day a-comin' Oh preacher, fol' yo' bible, Prayer maker, pray no mo', For de last soul's onverted, Dat de time shall be no longer, For de judgment day is comin', Den you hear de sinner sayin', Down I'm rollin', down I'm rollin', In dat great gittin' up mornin', In dat great gittin' up mornin', De Lord spoke to Gabriel, Go, look behin' de altar, Take down de silvah trumpet, Blow yo' trumpet, Gabriel, Lord, how loud shall I blow it, Blow it right, calm an' easy, Do not alarm my people, Tell 'em to come to judgment, Gabriel, blow yo' trumpet, Lord how loud shall I blow it, Loud as seven peals of thunder, Wake de livin' nations, Place one foot upon de dry land, Place de ther on de sea, Den you'll see de coffin bustin', See dedry bones come a-creepin', Den



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Davidson College Presbyterian Church is part of the [PC\(USA\)](#). As a member of the [Covenant Network of Presbyterians](#), we are a welcoming, affirming, and inclusive faith community where all are one in Christ. We are a Matthew 25, Earth Care and Stephen Ministry congregation on the corner of campus and community. Our congregation celebrates partnerships in Christ with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kikuyu, Kenya; and the Kilambe communities in Jinotega, Nicaragua; and Blythe Elementary School in Huntersville, NC. Together we seek to grow in witnessing to Christ in a complex world and to learn more about how to respond as disciples to the great needs of the world. Our sanctuary stands on lands once occupied by the indigenous communities of the Catawba people and our first worship space was built with bricks made by enslaved people. We remember them to God as we honor and recognize them in worship.

## Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. Children's worship bags and bulletins are available at the entrances.

Childcare Care for infants through kindergarten is available in room 14 weekly from 8:30 am – Noon. A comfort room is available in Room 15 for nursing, napping babies, and hearing the 11 am service on WDAV.

## Hearing Assistance Devices

Our devices are available in baskets at each entrance to the sanctuary. Each receiver pack has one of two cords: a simple in-ear piece and a T-Coil neck loop. If you need assistance, please see a worship leader.

## Pew Cushions

A limited number of pew cushions are available for worshipers with back issues in the narthex.

## Narthex Bathrooms

The bathrooms in the narthex (the entry way from the campus, at the back of the sanctuary) are all-gender bathrooms.