

4th Sunday of Sunday

April 17, 2016 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Sanctuary Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise to the Lamb who is seated on the Throne of Heaven!

People: Praise be to God who offers God's love to us!

Leader: Let us sing continually of God's wisdom, and power, and might.

People: Let our voices be raised in joyful celebration!

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb to receive honor, and glory, and majesty.

People: Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love for us. AMEN.

*Hymn #159

Lift High the Cross

Opening Prayer

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.

PROCLAMATION

New Testament Reading – Acts 9:36-43

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Psalter – Psalm 23 (insert)

*Gloria Patri #70

Epistle Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn (insert)

Easter Alleluia

*Gospel Reading – John 10:22-30

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Message

Sermon – "Sheep?"

Pastor Alan

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith #881 – The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our Prayer.

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Offering & Offertory

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Men's Ensemble

*Doxology (UMH #95)

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

*The Great Thanksgiving (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)

*The Lord's Prayer

*Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Hymn during Communion (Tune – UMH #634, insert)

Prayer After Receiving (UMH, pg. 11)

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn #381

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*Benediction

*Postlude

**For those who are able, please stand*