



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN MORRISTOWN**

April 25, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Celebration of Worship

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Reverend Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp

One: We gather to worship the Good Shepherd,

Many: who lays down his life for his sheep.

One: We gather to worship Jesus Christ

Many: who calls us to lay down our lives for others.

One: Easter people, Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!

Hymn 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Llanfair

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Matthew Webb

O God, you have called us to love, not in word or in speech, but in truth and action. You have laid down your life for us and commanded us to lay down our lives for one another. Still, O Lord, we offer empty thoughts and prayers when the world needs our hands and our feet. Still, O Lord, we fail to share our lives with the world, hiding behind a myth of self-sufficiency. Forgive us, we pray, and by your forgiveness, raise us to new life in you. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

One: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life.

Many: **Amen!**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination

Patrick Allred

Almighty God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, open your Word and illumine our world, that we may see clearly and live faithfully by the light of your truth in Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Julianna Geary

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading

John 10:11-18

Patrick Allred

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Good Shepherd

Rev. Dobbs-Allsopp

Moment for Mission

Morris Area Together

Gretchen Doner

Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Green

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.

Hymn 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

Benediction

Rev. Dobbs-Allsopp

Today's service is led by the Reverend Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp,
the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Alexandra Mead, Patrick Allred,
Julianna Geary, Kevin Graf, and the Choral Scholars.

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Carolyn Crosthwaite, and Jenny Tooley for their assistance.

Sunday Morning Worship is available online.
The service will be posted on the website on Sunday mornings at 8 a.m.



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