

ORDER OF WORSHIP

LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 25, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.
4th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Near The Cross - W. H. Doane*
WELCOME
A TIME OF CENTERING & STILLNESS
CALL TO WORSHIP
HYMN *Joyful, joyful we adore you No. 410*
OPENING PRAYER
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF PARDON
HYMN *The Lord's my shepherd No. 11*
PEACE OF CHRIST

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC *Finlandia ("Be Still, My Soul") - Music by J. Sibelius,
Words by J. L. Borthwick and K. von Schlegel*
PSALM 23
1 JOHN 3:16-24
HYMN *You who dwell in the shelter/ On Eagle's Wings No. 57*
JOHN 10:11-18
SERMON *"The ultimate sacrifice"*

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER
OFFERINGS *Now I Belong To Jesus - N. J. Clayton*
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

HYMN *O Master, let me walk with thee No. 642*
SENDING
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE *Transcendental Etude No. 8 - F. Liszt*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the presence of our God:

**All: where grieving people and with lonely hearts
have their tears wiped away.**

One: We gather as children of God:

**All: to worship the One who provides what we need,
not what we want.**

One: We gather around the Table of God:

**All: to taste the goodness of God,
to drink deeply from God's mercy.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Comfort of your people: we confess the emptiness of our
souls which sends us searching for all those things which
cannot nourish us. Our restless longing for the goods of
the world fill us with every lust and envy. Our belief that
still waters are stagnant causes us to thirst for whitewater
thrills and adventures. Our trust in the hollow promises of
our culture turns us away from the shelter you offer to us.
Forgive us, Goodness Incarnate. Call us back from our
wayward lives, so we may find rest in the stillness of your
gentle heart; we may find healing from your scarred
hands; we may find that life for which we yearn, together
in you and through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.**

Silence is kept

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: This is the good news: God will walk with us in every
moment, God will fill us with goodness and mercy, God
will bring us home to live forever.

**All: Anointed with grace and forgiveness, our lives overflow
with love for all people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

One: We're now going to share the peace. May the peace of
Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE 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, the power, and the glory;
for ever and ever. AMEN

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: As we offer our gifts to you, Gentle Shepherd, may we lay
down our prejudices towards others,

All: so they might find a welcome in our hearts;
may we set aside our fears of the future,

One: so you might lead us into your future;

All: may we become the goodness and mercy for which
others have been looking all their lives.

One: This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

SENDING

One: Let us go to be bold before God.

All: We will speak up for all people
who long for healing and hope.

One: Let us go to shepherd Jesus' sisters and brothers.

All: We will risk our lives for justice,
we will serve the outcast.

One: Let us go to anoint others with the Holy Spirit.

All: We will bring goodness and mercy
to all whose lives need restoring.