



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Fourth Sunday of Eastertide
 April 21, 2024 - 11:00 AM



Welcome to the Hillsville Presbyterian Church

"To live God's love and show God's grace through worship, fellowship and outreach."

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Announcements

Brenda Collins

Prelude: "Happy Land"

arr. Joseph Martin

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 23)

Brenda Collins

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing.

People: He lets me rest in grassy meadows; he leads me to restful waters; he keeps me alive!

Leader: Goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.

People: I will live in the Lord's house as long as I live!

***Hymn #370: "This Is My Father's World"**

Call to Confession (based on Psalm 103)

We know that our days on earth are brief, like a flower that blooms but is quickly forgotten. We are aware that while we live, we need forgiveness, healing, and salvation which are the wondrous works of God. Let us then turn to our God and ask for the grace we need as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession

Help us, O God, to look honestly and clearly at our hearts and lives. We are aware that we often justify our thoughts, words, and actions that are not in accord with your will. Forgive us if we believe we hold ultimate authority over who belongs in our community of faith! Nurture us into genuine trust in you and loving acceptance of others. Hear us as we ask for your mercy in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moments of Silence for Personal Confession

Throughout the Order of Worship, any words or phrases that are highlighted by **BOLD** print are to be spoken in unison by the congregation.

*Please stand if able

The Hymns are projected on the screen for your convenience.

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Words Assuring Us of God's Grace (based on Psalm 103)

Leader: Hear this good news: the Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love!

People: Thanks be to God that as high as heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love is for us!

Leader: Take heart: as far as east is from west, that's how far God has removed our sin from us!

People: Praise God that God feels compassion for us and forgives us in Jesus Christ!

***Response #582: "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"**

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

You, O God, are the only living source of the words that bring new life – why would we go anywhere else to receive what we need? May your presence be felt and your truth be heard as we worship you today! Receive our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Zechariah 10:1-6

Brenda Collins

Ask the LORD for rain when it is time for the spring rain. The LORD is the one who makes the thunderstorms. He gives them rain showers. He gives vegetation in the field to each of them. The household divine images speak idolatry, and diviners see lies. They interpret dreams falsely and provide empty comfort. Therefore, they wander like sheep, but they are oppressed because there is no shepherd. My anger burns hot against the shepherds; I will punish the goats. The LORD of heavenly forces will take care of his splendor, the house of Judah. He will make them like his majestic horse in battle. The cornerstone, the tent peg, and the bow used in battle will come from Judah. Every oppressor will leave Judah simultaneously. Judah will be like warriors, trampling through the muddy streets during battle. They will do battle because the LORD is with them. All the cavalry will be ashamed. I will strengthen the house of Judah and deliver the house of Joseph. I will bring them back because I have compassion on them. They will be as though I hadn't rejected them, for I am the LORD their God; I will respond to them.

Anthem: "You Are Mine"

arr. Mark Hayes
Offered by the HPC Choir

Second Scripture Reading: John 10:11-16

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That’s because he isn’t the shepherd; the sheep aren’t really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. He’s only a hired hand and the sheep don’t matter to him. I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that don’t belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.”

The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

God’s Word Engaged: *“Room in the In?”*

Rev. Rebecca Taylor

Moments of Silence for Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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.

***Words Affirming Our Faith** (from *The Confession of Belhar*¹)

Brenda Collins

We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, and share one hope; and together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

¹ The newest addition to the Book of Confessions, this statement was originally crafted in 1986 by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in response to the injustices of apartheid. In the mid-nineties, the successor denomination offered the creed to the global Reformed family “believing that the themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice issue a call from God to the whole church.” (Book of Confessions)

Hymn 370

1 This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.

Hymn 803

1. My Shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed
beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.
2. When I walk thru the shades of death,
your presence is my stay;
One word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows;
your oil anoints my head.
3. The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home

Hymn 582

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on
me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned
me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me
free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Hymn 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

***Hymn #803: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"**

*Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

***Response #606: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Postlude: "Strong Praise!"

Paul Davis

WE DEPART- OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES IN SERVICE TO GOD

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Carolyn Anderson	Struggling with health issues, unable to preach 4/14
Dodie Braith (Kathy Welch's sister)	Recovering from cancer surgery
Rev. Kevin Campbell	Preparing for cancer surgery next month
College Friend of Jim's	Supportive care and concern
John Collins	Recovering from a car accident
Ralph Ellison (Jackie Phillips' cousin)	Recovering from kidney cancer surgery
Jo Jones	Recovering from a car accident
John Lintecum	Struggling with health issues (blood cancer)
Eli McDaniel/crew of USNS Harvey Milk	Safely in Norfolk!!
William "Bill" Mowery	Struggling with numerous health issues
Jenny Nester	Recovering from surgery
A.L. Noblett	Recovering from recent hospitalization – HOME!
Elizabeth Porter	Recovering from surgery – HOME!
RAE Center Teachers/Staff	Needing support for the school year!
Karen Sexton	Recovering from colon cancer surgery
Julia Terry	Recovering from a fall
Samuel Terry	Recovering from a heart attack
Lauren Whorley	Recovering from cranioplasty after car accident 12/16
The World	Praying for peace, an end to war and suffering!

OUR HOMEBOUND

Mary Helen Blair (home) Jean Talley (Our Lady of the Valley Nursing Home, Roanoke)

OUR ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Abingdon Presbytery	Tim Gaskill	Scott Mitchem	Gray Williams
Susan Alexander	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Rob Moser	Dan Worrell
Janet Rae Banks	Bill Hicks	Debi Myers	
Stephanie Baron	Shirley Hurst	Peggy Tolbert	
Delores Brannock	Parker Hysell	Celeste Tsaklis	
Austin Burns	Neal Hylton	Ron Wagner	
Alafair Combs	Liz Ingersoll	Janie Walters	
Michelle Frank	Deb Linton	Teresa Webb	
Robert Gamble	Debbie McCraw	Kathy Welch	
Betty Anne Gaskill	John McCurdy	Rev. Michael Weller	

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