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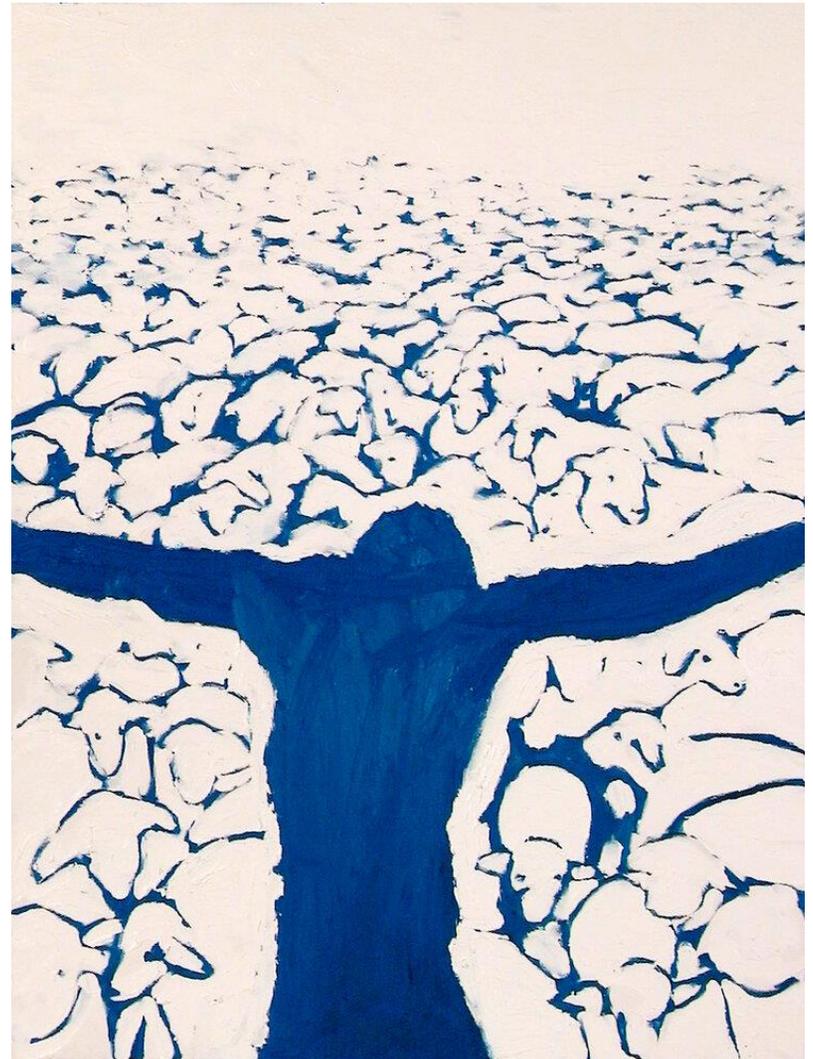
Greeters: Katelyn Bryan, James Holton

Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Ensemble: members of the Confirmation Choir and adult choirs.

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25 April 2021

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Youth Sunday

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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# Order of Worship

## Prayer of Preparation

*We are your people, O God—the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table; through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. Amen.*

## Welcome

## Chiming of the Trinity

**Prelude**      *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*      Jordan

**Introit**      *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*      McNeill

**\*Call to Worship**      Olivia Brinson  
adapted from Ps. 23:1; John 10:14–16

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**He lays down his life for his sheep.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**He knows us, and we belong to him.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

**Anthem**      *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*      Jernigan

**Confession**      Brent Hinckley

**Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

**Assurance of Pardon**      Michael Presson

**Summary of the Law**      Middy Hinckley

**“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”**      **Matthew 22:37-39**

**Anthem**      *O God, You Are My God*      Strasser

## Prayer for Illumination

**Lesson**      Psalm 23 and John 10:11-18  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**      Addie Cheek

**\*Affirmation of Faith**      Mary Neal Cheek  
The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Anthem**      *Here I Am, Lord*      Schutte

## Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

**Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer**  
God of goodness and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## Benediction

**Postlude**      *Postlude on "Llanfair"*      Powell