

# First Presbyterian Church of Marysville

## Worship @ Home April 21, 2024 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Light a candle to remind you of Christ's light.

Take three deep and centering breaths.

*Breathe in "Loving God"*

*Breathe out "Prepare my heart"*

OR

Sing "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place*

*I can feel his mighty power and his grace*

*I can hear the brush of angels' wings*

*I see glory on each face*

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place*



### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: The God of all shepherds has called us here.

**All: We come today celebrating God's love for us.**

One: The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

**All: We come today thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.**

One: The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

**All: We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God.**

**HYMN:** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #466 Blue

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: The joy of this Easter season continues as we are called to Word and worship. Let us pause to confess our sins to our Good Shepherd.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us and restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock.  
(Silent Prayer)

## CLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

One: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.

All: **In Christ, we are a new creation, forgiven and loved. Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN:** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" #172 Blue

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** John 10:11-18

## MESSAGE: "The Abundant Life"

**Rev. Grace Suwabe**

"Does my life matter? Do I make a difference and if so, how?" Regardless of when or how these questions come up, they are grounded in a deep longing and desire for abundance in our life. Jesus is taking four images from this story – the good shepherd, the sheep, the hired hand, the wolf – and using them to paint a picture of abundance in our lives. (Please contemplate on these words and spend some time with God in prayer.)

## GATHERING AND DEDICATING OUR OFFERING

One: Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and Christ's church.

All: **May our gifts be signs of our gratitude and our commitment to Christ's ministry.**

*Consider what gifts you could offer to God and to God's people during this uncertain time. Speak them out loud or write them down and after worship, make a plan to share these gifts.*

*Some examples include – sharing your resources with someone in need, praying for those on our prayer list, spending time with someone in crisis*

\*Please continue to support the church by mailing your offering (checks only) to the church office:

*First Presbyterian Church of Marysville - P.O. Box 1070, Marysville, CA 95901*

You may also drop off your offering at the church office on Thursdays from 10 am – 4 pm or Fridays from 11 am – 2 pm. (Do not put anything in the mailboxes outside please.)

Online giving is also available! Copy and paste the below link into your browser and follow the prompts:

[https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco\\_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbZpZISnR1aL6Jy6aLfIKsLAIYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZFffwKfYERpQrqXrEYxb09pApAL3pdNN38=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbZpZISnR1aL6Jy6aLfIKsLAIYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZFffwKfYERpQrqXrEYxb09pApAL3pdNN38=&ver=3)

*Thank you for your continued support of the church!*

## THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heaven-ly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, A-men.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Offer prayer for the needs of the world, paying particular attention to those who are dealing with anxiety and fear and loneliness. May God's presence and peace surround them.*

*Let us join together in prayer for the following people:*

Aurel B, Betty H, Peggy L, Joe M, Judy M, Jackie P, Nancy F, Pearl S, Al W, Adam (nephew of Susie), Anthony (grandson of Jackie), Charlene (sister of Nancy), Christina (daughter of Lenora), Herm (brother-in-law of Susie), Hillary (daughter of Lorraine), Joanne (sister of Peggy), Joyce (sister-in-law of Dorothy), Kenneth (grandson of Nancy), Luann (sister-in-law of Kathy), Mindy (sister of Susie), Peter (brother-in-law of Nancy), Ray (husband of Cathy), Ron (husband of Nancy), Suzanne (daughter of Nancy)

*If you are in need of prayer or assistance, please let Pastor Grace know at [fpcmsvlpastor@gmail.com](mailto:fpcmsvlpastor@gmail.com).*

## 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.*

**HYMN:** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #387 Blue

## CHARGE

**One:** The Good Shepherd leads us forward from this place into the world to serve God's people.

**All:** **Let us be witnesses to God's love in all that we say and all that we do.**

## BENEDICTION – Ephesians 3:17-19

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith – that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.

*(Extinguish the candle if you lit one at the beginning of worship and allow the smoke to billow as a reminder of Christ's abiding presence.)*

OR

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*Hours during week of Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> – Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>*

Thursdays 10 am – 4 pm

Fridays 11 am – 2 pm

## **Announcements:**

Bible Study is on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm in the church office and by Zoom. We are studying the book of Luke.

Session will be meeting on next Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the church office and by Zoom.

Please worship with us on Sundays at 1900-C Ahern St, Marysville (across from Kynoch Elementary School).

Our church office is now at 1900-A Ahern St, Marysville. Come by and say “Hello”.

Sunday’s worship bulletin and sermon are on our church website! – [www.firstpresmarysville.church](http://www.firstpresmarysville.church)

The food pantry (1905-C Covillaud St.) is open on Fridays from 10 am – 12 noon. Help is welcomed.

\*Items needed – *pasta, spaghetti sauce, jelly*

**O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,  
And sets the prisoner free;  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,  
Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.

**My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

My Shepherd will supply my need;  
Jehovah is His name;  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed,  
Beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back,  
When I forsake His ways;  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,  
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through 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.

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.

**Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and power to free;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor;  
Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With thy love our bosoms fill;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still,  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.