### **Memorial Presbyterian Church**

#### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025

Merciful God,

you have told us who you are, and we still struggle to believe.

In Jesus Christ, you reveal your unending care for us,

and we give thanks.

Grant us the vision of the world you see, a world without hunger, thirst, or tears.

Lead us into the future you are preparing, O God, as we follow with grateful hearts. Amen.

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PRELUDE Prelude on Brother James Air Harold Arke

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our shepherd;

we lack nothing.

Though we may walk through the darkest valley,

we fear no evil; for God is with us.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,

and we shall dwell

in the house of the Lord forever.

Let us worship God!

\*SONG OF PRAISE Come, Worship God Hymnal, No. 386

#### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us stand before the throne of the Lamb with confidence,

trusting in God's desire to redeem and restore us.

Eternal God,

in the presence of our enemies,

we divide and demonize.

When you face our enemies,

you choose neither contempt nor punishment,

but set a table and make provision for us all.

Our ways are not your ways, O Creator,

and they are an affront

to the work of your hands.

Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us.

Send our risen Lord among us again

to repair relationships and restore humanity.

Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus

just as he does at his table.

(Time for silent reflection)

Believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ,

we are forgiven, nurtured, and safe.

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

\*SONG OF RESPONSE Glory Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 873

John 10:22-30

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Acts 9:36-43 Page No. 894

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Regarding the End of Things Samuel McCann

\*SONG OF FAITH You, Lord, Are both Lamb and Shepherd Hymnal, No. 274

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...God of new life, hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal, p. 35

Please pray the Lord's Prayer

in the language and wording most familiar to you.

THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*SENDING SONG Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us Hymnal, No. 187

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE Toccata in Seven John Rutter

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for May 18: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35.

The Food & Shelter item of the month for May is peanut butter. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Are you looking for a spiritual jumpstart this year? You are invited to the weekly Wednesday Devotion, sponsored by the Task Force studying the creation of a new statewide Oklahoma Presbytery.

This is a weekly Zoom held on Wednesdays 9:00-9:30, each led by a different church leader from around the state. Join others from around the state in this. Zoom link can be found on the Indian Nations Presbytery website at http://www.okinp.org



# You, Lord, Are Both Lamb 274 and Shepherd



## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187

