

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

God of love, Shepherd of our souls, we listen for your voice,
the voice that speaks the world into being,
the voice that calls our secret name,
the voice that leads us to abundant life.

Speak to us. We are listening, ready to follow. Amen.

-- Steve Garnaas-Holmes

PRELUDE

Faithful Shepherd

George F. Handel

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lucy Lanning

Shepherd of mercy, you provide for us and protect us.

Shepherd of love, lead us in your way.

Shepherd of justice, you gather your flock, and care for the lost and neglected.

Shepherd of love, lead us in your way.

Shepherd of our souls, you guide us toward your own heart, and we follow.

Shepherd of love, lead us in your way.

In gratitude and trust, we worship you. Alleluia!

*SONG OF PRAISE

God Is Calling through the Whisper

Hymnal, No. 410

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of community,

**you call us to a world radically different
from what we are used to.**

You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours."

**You show us a life where goods are shared,
where all are loved,**

and faithfulness is shown through generosity.

**But we cling to our possessions,
trusting them more than we trust you.**

Forgive us, merciful God.

**Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm
and to work to make it so.**

(Time for silent reflection)

Christ himself bore our sins
in his body on the cross, so that,
free from sins, we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

**For we were going astray like sheep,
but now we have returned to the shepherd
and guardian of our souls. Thanks be to God!**

*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 to God

Hymnal, No. 582

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

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Trudy Beard

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

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I Peter 2:19-25

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.

ANTHEM

Like a Shepherd

Mark Weston

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-10

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Aaron Lynn McKee

*SONG OF FAITH

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Hymnal, No. 802

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community
in which people know
that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves
and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground
on which to stand,
except God's grace.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Hymnal, No. 542

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

*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. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for May 3: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14.

The Food & Shelter items for April are applesauce and pudding. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

We are trying to move all volunteer notifications to text or email. **The text number for the church is 405-914-9059**