

APRIL 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

*"Jesus said,
I am the **GOOD SHEPHERD**.
The good shepherd lays down his life
for the sheep." – John 10:11*

WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONGS

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

READING OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON – ACTS 4:5-12

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone."

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A LOVING COMMUNITY, INSPIRING OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

PSALM 23

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- ² **He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
- ³ He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- ⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- ⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence
of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

THE EPISTLE – 1 JOHN 3:16-24

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JOHN 10:11-18

Jesus said, ¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Andy MacBeth

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

Great God,

We thank You and praise You for the blessings and grace You have given Church of the Holy Spirit from the beginning. Father, use this season to be a time of healing, repentance, and surrender. Search our hearts and renew our minds to be open to hear Your voice and do Your will.

May we go with You God, as You take us places where we must trust You alone. May we be faithful in worship and in prayer as we deepen our own walk with You as Lord and Savior.

God give us Your wisdom and discernment as You reveal Your plans to us.

Our church will be a loving community, inspiring others through worship and service to follow Jesus Christ, as we participate with You.

We thank You Lord, for Your love and the plans You have for Church of the Holy Spirit.

**In Jesus name,
Amen**

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

SHARING PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed
on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION SONG

CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members of
your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of
heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMISSION OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

WANT HEALING PRAYER?

A prayer team is available up front during communion.

THE WEEK AHEAD APRIL 21-27

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| SUN | 21 | Holy Eucharist 10:00 am In Person & Online Coffee Hour After Service Fulton Hall ManorCare 2:30 pm |
| TUE | 23 | Bible Study 3:30 pm Fulton Hall Reunion Group – Cursillo 5:30 pm Zoom |
| WED | 24 | Morning Prayer 10:00 am In Person & Online Life Line Screening By Appointment |
| THU | 25 | Garden Team 9:00 am Service Ministers Training 7:00 pm |
| FRI | 26 | Group Prayer 10:00 am Conference Call Water & The Word Conference |
| SAT | 27 | Water & The Word Conference |

JOIN US
TODAY
FOR
COFFEE
HOUR

AFTER THE
SERVICE
IN
FULTON
HALL



DONATIONS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Manor Care

Worship Service
Today at 2:30 pm
In Person at
5511 Swift Rd, Sarasota

Join us as we praise, pray,
sing old hymns, read the
Bible and share Holy
Communion with residents
and patients of ManorCare.





LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention

Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up.

They will be at CHS (Fulton Hall) on **Wednesday, April 24**
 Call **1-800-679-5191** to schedule an appointment.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Reunion Group – Cursillo
Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Zoom Call
 This group offers personal time for prayer and sharing of life's joys and sorrows, as well as accountability to Christ's call for study, piety and action. Contact Sally Allen at 413-822-1160 for details.



Garden Team
Thursdays at 9:00 am
 Join us as we tend to the landscaping needs of the church. No experience necessary! Contact Sandy Kreidler at 941-365-4246 if you are available to help.



Group Prayer
Fridays at 10:00 am, Conference Call
Dial 717-908-1923, Code 974309#
 Join us as we pray for the search of a new rector, personal needs, Ukraine, our country, and social issues of the day. Contact Annabell Edwards at 941-900-6147 for details.

SERVICE MINISTERS TRAINING

Thursday, April 25 | 7:00-8:15 pm
 Refresher Training Session for
Sunday Ministry Volunteers
 Greeters & Ushers • Readers • Chalice Bearers • Eucharist Visitors
 Current and any new people who would like to join in.
 We will meet in Fulton Hall.

Night of Worship
Healing Prayer & Praise Night
Friday, May 3 • 7:00 pm

Come rest in God's presence; use the time to focus your prayers, seek healing for your life, and be freshly anointed by the Holy Spirit. Scott Gardner will be leading worship.

In Person & Live on Facebook

BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays through May 21st

Book of Ruth
3:30-4:30 pm
Meet in Fulton Hall
Led by Bob Blakeslee

SAVE THE DATE

2024 ANNUAL SPRING TEA

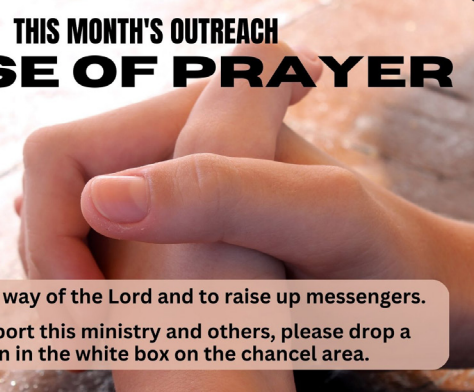
Join us for a lovely afternoon of fellowship, food, tea with music, a guest speaker, gifts, raffles, and auction.

Attire: Daytime Dressy | Hats Encouraged

Tickets **\$25** per person | Saturday, **MAY 4TH** | Time **1:00 pm**

Get Your Tickets Now!

THIS MONTH'S OUTREACH
HOUSE OF PRAYER



Preparing the way of the Lord and to raise up messengers.
 To help support this ministry and others, please drop a donation in the white box on the chancel area.

HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY?

| March 2024 | Year-to-Date / Jan-Mar |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Income: \$ 23,599 | Income: \$ 57,151 |
| Expenses: \$ 15,633 | Expenses: \$ 45,213 |
| Difference: \$ + 7,966 | Difference: \$ + 11,938 |

WAYS TO GIVE:
 In Person • Online Via CHS Website • Mail

THE CHURCH IN PRAYER — PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE REPORTS

If you have a prayer to be added to this list, visit the website under the Need Prayer tab, call the office, or email marketing@chsosprey.com.

- Prayers for Renee Hartman and family as they grieve the loss of her husband Ron.
- Comfort for Edith's family as she has gone on to glory at the age of 110 years.
- Safe travels for Kathy and Chuck.
- Uneventful recertification process.
- A great summer of travel for Donna and blessings for her family.
- Healing for Arthur from multiple myeloma.
- Healing for Dan from his sleep issues and anxiety.
- Healing for Pam's brother, Rick, that he would be able to regain his ability to walk on his own without falling. And he would no longer experience peripheral neuropathy.
- Healing prayers for Laura who was diagnosed with an uncommon, aggressive cancer.
- Healing prayers for friend, Jan, who is very sick.
- Pray for Jay as he begins radiation and chemo.
- Pray for Marcia as she finds herself after her husband's passing.
- Provisions for Gail who must pack up her house and move out of Florida in May.
- Comfort for those affected by the storms and tornadoes throughout the Midwest. Safety for all who help with the cleanup.
- Healing for back issues.
- Healing for Peggy's son, Dallas, who is in the hospital.
- Provisions for the people of Taiwan dealing with an earthquake.
- Comfort for families and those affected by the collapsed bridge in Baltimore. Safety for all who help in rebuilding the bridge and opening the channel.
- Comfort for Sally and Phil as they mourn the loss of Sally's brother.
- Thanksgiving for baby Ryleigh who got to go home.
- Continued comfort for Cynthia over the loss of her mother.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the healing in Christine.
- Praying that Rick will find the right doctor to repair his stress fracture.
- Prayer that Kathy will find peace and healing.
- Reconciliation for family members.
- Ongoing prayer for our June, Joanne, Marilyn, and Sandee Petway.
- Salvation for unsaved family.
- Continue to pray for CHS and that we will be strong and faithful throughout this search process.
- Prayers for our church and for our country.
- Continued prayers for an end to the Russia/Ukraine and Israel wars.



 **CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
 Pastor Gerry Gardner, Lay Pastor
 Nancy Lihan and Scott Gardner, Music Leaders