

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 21, 2013

Music Prelude		Glenda Teachey
*Call To Worship	"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"	#176
Welcome & Announcements		
*Procession	"Come, We That Love the Lord"	#732
Praises & Prayer Requests		
Hymn of Preparation	"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"	#381
Liturgy of the Word:		
Old Testament	Numbers 27:12-23	Shirley Massey
Psalms	Psalm 23 <i>(In Unison)</i>	
Anthem	"What a Friend"	Rockland Choir
*Gospel	John 10:11-16; 27-30	Pastor Bill Faupel
	<i>L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.</i>	
	P: Thanks be to God.	
Message:	"Following the Shepherd"	Pastor Bill Faupel



From today's scripture readings you would have guessed today is what is known as "Good Shepherd" Sunday. The year Bonnie and I were married, I was serving as the assistant pastor at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Lexington Kentucky. Naturally, this particular Sunday in the church year was celebrated with much pomp and circumstance. I felt highly honored when the Rector asked me to preach on that particular Sunday. We happened to have a Sheep farmer in the congregation. I arranged for him to bring a new born lamb to

church that Sunday. When it was time for the sermon, I walked down the center aisle the little lamp nestled in the crook of my right arm and a shepherd's staff (I had actually borrowed our Bishop's Crozier) in my left. Reaching the front steps leading to the altar, I proceeded to give my sermon. The lamb was more quiet than any baby I had baptized—I thought I was home free until I reached the end of the sermon when the little bugger went to the bathroom all down the front of my alb! It was a dramatic conclusion to my homily. I have never used a live animal for an object lesson since! Today, I will be reflecting on this most familiar of the Psalms, the one we know by heart. Although it is called the "Shepherd's Psalm, the images keep changing. In it, we do not stay sheep very long. Soon we are described as travelers, then as guests, finally we are spoken of as folks at home.

*Affirmation of Faith		#883
Reception of Members	"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"	#382

***Please stand as you are able**

Liturgy of the Table:

+Holy Communion		Barb Cook
	<i>+Everyone is welcome to take Holy Communion who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Please receive the bread from the server in your cupped hands, and either dip it into the chalice before eating or take an individual cup from the server.</i>	
*Closing Hymn	"Marching To Zion"	#733
*Blessing		Pastor Bill Faupel
*Benedictory Response	"My Tribute"	#99
Postlude		Glenda Teachey

Next Sunday's Scriptures:

Leviticus 19:1-18; Psalm 145; Acts 13:44-52; John 13:31-35

To our Guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor's card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or see an usher or the Pastor. Join us in the Overflow Room for a "Meet & Greet" after the service...

We welcome you to worship with us again!



"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." (John 10:11-16 New Living Translation)

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