

ONLINE WORSHIP APRIL 25, 2021

## WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Introductions and Invitations

Welcome & Welcoming Music
Call to Worship
One: Love one another, even when love involves risk.
All: We love as God loves us.
One: Love and care for others, even when caring is hard.
All: We love and care as God loves and cares for us.

One: Love in truth and action.

All: By this we are known as children of God.

Hymn #303

"The Day of Resurrection"

**Opening Prayer** 

Merciful shepherd, give us the grace to love as you love. Give us the courage to protect and care for others, even when we are afraid. Grant us the strength to love in truth and action, even when loving this way challenges us. Awaken our curiosity and empathy, even when we tend to neglect the needs of others. Forgive us when our love is absent, and show us how to offer our love with more than just words. Shepherd us in our loving and in our living, that others may see in us the fruit of your goodness and mercy. In your love and grace, we pray. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ (greet fellow worshipers in the live chat as we sing song #2006 "Lord God Almighty" v. 1 & 3)

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children in Ministry Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: Psalm 23; John 10:11-18 Message: "Known"

Lori Leopold

Erich Grimm-Schmitt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer (we pray for God's guidance as we sing #3019 "Bidden, Unbidden")

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer Offering of Gifts (*followed by*) Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (we read and pray aloud together)

Liturgical elements from Abingdon Worship Annual.

Shepherd of love, bless these gifts with the power and presence of your love. May your love bring healing to a world in need of your touch. May your grace bring hope to a world in need of your promise. And may our love be a sign, for all to see, that you, who are love, are present in the world today. Amen.

Hymn #310

"He Lives" (v. 1 & 3)

Benediction

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

## All are invited to share in virtual coffee time online via Zoom (*may require app download*).