

Worship on the Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 21, 2024

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor  
Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

**Prelude** "The Swan" Camille Saint-Saëns  
**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

**Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

How can we know the way of God?

**Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.**

**Prayer of the Day**

God of all power, you called from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to heal the injured, rescue the lost, and nurture one another with knowledge and understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Hymn 64** "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sin, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, so that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confiding in your grace and finding in you our refuge and strength. We pray through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament** Psalm 23

**New Testament** John 10:11-18

**Sermon** "Truth and Action" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Offertory** "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" John B. Dykes

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**O Lord, you are the good shepherd! Your son Jesus laid down his life for all who belong to you. Thank you for nurturing our life and sustaining our faith by your Holy Spirit. In gratitude, we want to help others to know your love. Open our ears to listen to your voice. Open our eyes to see our brothers and sisters in need. May our gifts strengthen the ministries of this church as we seek to show your love for all people. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn 593** "Here I Am, Lord"

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "Benediction at God's Acre" Gwyneth Walker

## Church Calendar

Wednesday, April 24 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Parlor and online  
**Book Group on Julian of Norwich** Chapter 2 “Truth: Divine Delight”

Thursday, April 25 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Parlor  
**Moms’ Group:** coffee and conversation with or without kids

Friday, April 26 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall  
**Pizza and Games Night**  
RSVP to Pastor Rosanna by noon on Friday

Sunday, April 28 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary and online  
**Worship Service on the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Wednesday, May 1 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Parlor and online  
**Book Group on Julian of Norwich** Chapter 3 “Blood: Spiritual Safety”

Thursday, May 2 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Parlor  
**Moms’ Group:** coffee and conversation with or without kids

Sunday, May 5 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary and online  
**Worship Service on the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall and online  
**Congregational Meeting**

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Laura Chapman, Sexton

*“Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here.”*



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