



Christ Is Rising!

April 25, 2021 — 10:30 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday - WI-35 WO-60

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough, Worship Leader, and Soloist: the Rev. Larry Moyer; Pastor: the Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho; Worship Production: Norris Clark.

WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

Thank you for joining us for Worship Online or In-Person! **Online:** www.facebook.com/coldspringchurch. Should our live stream be interrupted, please rejoin as soon as we are back online! If online, sing aloud and read along! Telephone: **Call 929-205-6099. Meeting ID 882 3154 2428. Passcode 1714.**

In-Person: Remember to speak words in bold softly, and since we can't sing out loud, softly speak lyrics or hum to the music!



WORSHIP PREVIEW

Do you have a pet? If you do, you know it is a big responsibility. You must be willing to take care of it. You have to feed it and make sure it has plenty of water. You must keep it clean and take it to the veterinarian when it is sick. You have to make sure your pet is kept safe and, if it wanders off and gets lost, you go and look for it and bring it back home.

Our pandemic restricted stay-at-home lifestyle this past year has provided an extraordinary bonding time with our pets and companion animals. Interactions and positive physical contact with pets not only provide physiological and psychological benefits. Science tells us that our time with trusted pets releases biochemicals that can boost our immune system and enhance health and well-being. Wow!



Jesus loved animals and used experiences with common animals like dogs, donkeys, and sheep as metaphors in his teaching. Sheep were valued not only as a source of nutrition on their menu or a source of warm wool clothing. Almost every family loved sheep and kept sheep as pets, too.

But sheep don't take care of themselves very well. That's why the shepherd role was highly regarded. Like front-line workers today, shepherds often risked their lives to protect sheep and sacrificed their safety to keep their flock from threats.

Family and friends provide comfort, and we manage to take care of ourselves most of the time. But we are created to thrive in mind, body, and spirit. As spiritual beings, we need spiritual resources. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd." Jesus knows his sheep. That's you and me. Jesus wants his sheep to experience abundant life. As a good

shepherd, Jesus laid down his life for his sheep. Are you looking for a good shepherd?
The search is over!

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Birthday blessings to Elaine Jordan (4th).

GREETING OF IN-PERSON WORSHIPPERS: REV. KEVIN YOHO (10:24)

COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP (10:25)

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

WELCOME: REV. KEVIN YOHO (10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE): (10:32)

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is rising in our lives. Let us worship God!

GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON): (1-10:33)

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong, and it never ends.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

Loving God, keep our hearts and minds open to the Good News as we learn, grow, and serve. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: PSALM 23 (NRSV)

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.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS: NO MATTER OUR AGE, COLOR, SIZE, APPEARANCE, OR EVEN SMELL, JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD ALWAYS LOVES AND CARES FOR YOU!

(10:34)

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

MUSIC: PSALM 23, THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

REV. LARRY MOYER

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 24:36B-48 (NIV)

(10:38)

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

**MESSAGE: *WANTED:
A GOOD SHEPHERD.***

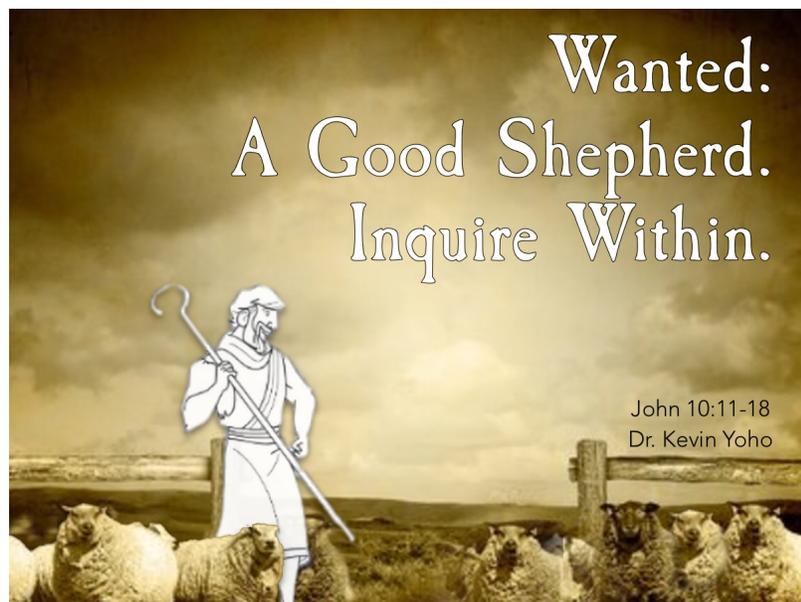
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John 10:11-18 • REV.

KEVIN YOHO

PRAYER AND SILENT

REFLECTION:



MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): THE KING IF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

(4) (10:50)

Let's sing, or hum, or clap our hands together, right where we are!

The King of love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

Thou spread'st a table in my sight
Thy unction grace bestoweth
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(10:54)

God loves you and nothing separates you from God's love. In a spirit of gratitude and honesty, let us pray together:

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

(10:54)

**O God, that you for leading us where streams of living water flow!
We have heard Jesus' teachings many times, but we confess that
sometimes we have resisted the Good Shepherd's love. We let
despair or anger take hold of us. We fail to keep our commitments**

to you and to others. Forgive us for hurting or neglecting others. Rise up into this world, into our lives, into our hearts, starting here in Cape May, New Jersey. Show us how to live; give us the wisdom, courage, and fortitude we need to be changed, to forgive, to embrace peace, love, and joy, welcoming all, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and rising Lord, God loves and forgives us to live a life of faith and justice. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! AMEN.

THE GLORIA (SPOKEN)

(3) (10:56)

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

(10:57)

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PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

THE DOXOLOGY (SPOKEN)

(5) (10:58)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(10:58)

Our prayers are with you, wherever you are. We pray that justice would roll down like waters for all nations and communities, families and individuals. We pray for all who still suffer from the pandemic, racial unrest, violence, discrimination, unemployment, anxiety. God grant us peace and calm amid the changes and challenges that all would thrive in wellness. *(Names shortened for privacy.)*

04/18: Celebration for ten new members to be received soon.

Celebration for baby James born to Amanda and James! We pray for

Norris C. (Back surgery); Kim Henry (stroke); Brad S. Hospitalized with COVID-19; Eileen S. (rehab); 04/11: For all those suffering from a lack of resources so that they might have their needs met through Jesus Christ in mind, body, and spirit. 04/04: Christa M. having surgery on Tuesday; Dan M. with Covid; James and Amanda Dodd expecting first child 4/8! Charlie K. Kidney disease problems; for all those alone on Easter and holidays; for church family; Kimberly T, covid. 03/28: Beth, covid. Carol C infection, Jean. Mass shootings, severe weather events. 03/21: Greta S, broken collar bone. Dennis M, home. Eileen S, home. Steve M, physical therapy.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

(11:03)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

(11:04)

Once we were strangers, Now we are neighbors.
Once we were strangers, Now we are friends.

BENEDICTION: REV. KEVIN YOHO (11:04)

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (11:05)

Go in peace!

We hope that you felt spiritually energized by joining us today. All of our worship services are available for viewing and sharing at any time [here](#).

Please invite others to join you next week. We pray that you're staying safe wherever you are and wherever you go. May God bless you and those you love now and always.



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