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GATHERING

Prelude *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (Cantabile)* arr. John A. Behnke

Greeting

God is good.
All the time.
 And all the time.
God is good.

Call to Worship

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
 Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.
Christ lays down his life for the sheep.
 Let us worship God.

*Hymn #249 Because You Live, O Christ

**1. Because you live, O Christ,
 the garden of the world has come to
 flower;
 the darkness of the tomb
 is flooded with your resurrection power.**

Refrain:

**The stone has rolled away
 and death cannot imprison!
 O sing this Easter day,
 for Jesus Christ has risen,
 has risen, has risen, has risen!**

**2. Because you live, O Christ,
 the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;
 our cages of despair
 no longer keep us closed and life-denying.
 (Refrain)**

**3. Because you live, O Christ,
 the rainbow of your peace will span
 creation;
 the colors of your love
 will draw all humankind to adoration.
 (Refrain)**

*Prayer of the Day

Loving Shepherd, through the gift of this gathered community may we know your attentive care, abundant beauty, and the power of reconciliation. Guide us, protect us, feed us, renew us, love us. Amen.

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Response: #589 Alleluia, Alleluia*Alleluia, alleluia.****Alleluia, alleluia.****Alleluia, alleluia.****Now the Lord is risen indeed.****Aleluya, aleluya.****Aleluya, aleluya.****Aleluya, aleluya.****El Señor resucitó.****THE WORD****Prayer for Illumination****First reading: 1 John 3:16-24**

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.**Children's Chat**

Nancy Shields

Second Reading John 10:11-18

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Thanks be to God.**Sermon***To Know and Be Known*

Audrey Rowe

***Hymn #187 Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us**

**1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
 much we need your tender care.
 In your pleasant pastures feed us;
 for our use your fold prepare.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 you have bought us: we are yours.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 you have bought us: we are yours.**

**2. We are yours: in love befriend us;
 be the guardian of our way.
 Keep your flock: from sin defend us;
 seek us when we go astray.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 hear your children when we pray.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 hear your children when we pray.**

**3. You have promised to receive us,
 poor and sinful though we be;
 you have mercy to relieve us,
 grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 early let us turn to you.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 early let us turn to you.**

**4. Early let us seek your favor;
 early let us do your will.
 Blessed Lord and only Savior,
 with your love our spirits fill.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 you have loved us; love us still.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 you have loved us; love us still.**

***A Brief Statement of Faith**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Gloria Patri (Hymnal # 581)**

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

Prayers of the People

Offering

Musical Offering

Child of God
Chancel Choir

by Mark A. Miller

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Sending the Church into Mission

Minute for Stewardship

James Jones

The Mission of Prospect Church

To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.

***Hymn #741 Guide My Feet**

**1. Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)**

2. Hold my hand . . .

3. Stand by me . . .

4. I'm your child . . .

5. Search my heart . . .

6. Guide my feet . . .

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

**Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won.**

Postlude

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Ar. David Schelat