



St Ives Uniting Church

30th April 2023

Easter 4

Welcome

The Christ candle

Hymn: 152 Joyful, joyful

Prayers of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace to us "Your sins are forgiven."

Thanks be to God

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd,

I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths

for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk

through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies.

**You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Amen

Bible readings

John 10:1-10

Pam Tickell

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

1 Peter 2:19-25

Mike Tickell

¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if

you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵ For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 10 The Lord’s my shepherd

Sermon: The sheep and the shepherd

Hymn: 659 The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow

Offering

**We offer these gifts, Lord,
for the work of your Church
and the welfare of your people;
acknowledging with gratitude that we could give nothing
if you had not first given to us.**

**The money we have not brought today
is also a trust from you.**

**Help us to use all we have
In accordance with your good will
and for the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer

Father, hear our prayer,

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord

Hymn: 52 Let us sing to the God of salvation

Benediction

Postlude

Pianist

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