

GREENSBORO UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 4th Sunday of Easter

Hal Parker, Music Director

Rev. Dr. Ed Sunday-Winters, Pastor

Prelude

Sit Nomen Domini from "Psalmo Laudate Pueri Dominum" – Antonio Vivaldi, Andrew Koehler & Mavis MacNeil

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: When we are scattered, Jesus our Good Shepherd gathers us in.

Many: When we are lost and lonely, we can depend on Christ's love.

One: When we are oppressed, Jesus our Good Shepherd cares for us.

Many: When we are threatened because of who we are, we can depend on Christ's protection.

One: We know Christ, because Christ's tenderness has guided us for generations.

Many: Christ knows us by name. Christ will lay down his very life for our sake.

One: Let us worship our Good Shepherd, who cares for all of us with fierce love.

Many: Let us give thanks for Christ's presence with us.

Opening Prayer

***Gloria Patri #36**

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

***Hymn: #183** (*Songs of Spirit*)

What Wonderful Love Is This

Scripture

1 John 3:16-24

Patti Sunday-Winters

Anthem

Si Mes Vers Avaient Des Ailes- Reynaldo Hahn, Mavis MacNeil and Andrew Koehler

Sermon

Abide

Rev. Ed Sunday-Winters

A Time of Silence

Offertory

***Doxology**

** Those who are able, please stand.*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, thank you for your gift of Jesus Christ, who cares for us and protects us. With these gifts we return to you, help us care for others in our communities and around the world. Amen.

***Hymn: #406** (*Songs of Spirit*)

Blest Are They

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

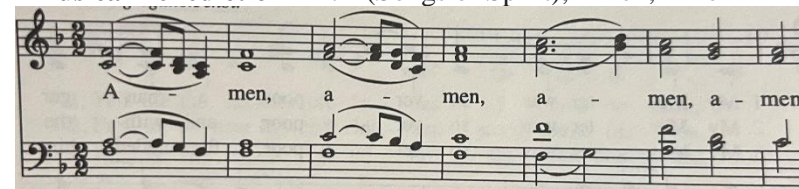


***Hymn: #210** (*Songs of Spirit*)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

***Benediction**

***Musical Benediction #174** (*Songs of Spirit*), Amen, Amen



Postlude

Laudate Pueri, Laudate Dominum from "Psalmo Laudate Pueri Dominum" – Antonio Vivaldi, Andrew Koehler and Mavis MacNeil

Our Church's Wider Mission: As we support Our Church's Wider Mission, we lift up the work of Rev. Hrayr Cholakian, an ordained pastor in the Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches (UAECNE) in the Near East in 2011. He currently serves the Armenian Evangelical Church in Ashrafieh, Beirut, Lebanon. The UAECNE includes 17 congregations in seven countries (Egypt, Greece, Iran, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, and Australia). We pray for their congregations, leaders and countries as the Middle East, particularly Syria and Lebanon, continues to face unstable and challenging times marked by multiple crises.

PARISH NEWS:

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us after Sunday service for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

Book Discussion: A Little Liar by Mitch Albom. This discussion will only be one meeting on Tuesday, May 14. Please join us at 7PM in the church Library.

Peace Vigil: Thursdays at 5pm at the Hardwick Peace Park. We are horrified by the violence on both sides. Join us in calling for an end to the bloodshed.

GUCC Directory: Have an edit? Send it to greensborochurchedirectory@gmail.com!

FELLOWSHIP HALL CLASS SCHEDULE:

- ☉ Bone Builders: Mon & Wed 10-11 am ☉ Global Campus: Tuesdays, 12-3pm
☉ TaiChi: Thurs, 9:15-10:30, 10:30-11:30 am ☉ Pilates: Tue & Thurs 4-5 pm

Parents Group: Wednesday, April 124, 11-1, Classroom

NEK Shape Note Singers: Saturday April 27, 2:30-5:30, FH

Next Week's Lectionary: Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8

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To Our Visitors

If you are new among us, welcome!

Whoever you are, wherever you are on

life's journey, you are welcome here.

You are invited to become a part of our life together.

Our goal is to be a loving and caring church,

and we hope you feel this

Please help us to know you by introducing yourself,

filling out a green pew card, and joining us in

fellowship following the service

May you go forth refreshed by the Spirit here.

Our Mission: To love as Jesus loved, caring for others and joyfully serving God, our community and our world.

Worship During COVID: Masking is now optional

- *Stay home if you are ill (even a little)*
- *Distance from others around you*