WEST BERLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1876
Julia Roll, Organist

4th Sunday of Easter

Dr. Robert J. Gustafson, Pastor

Ruth Strichter, Liturgist Amy Martindale, Song Leader

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

GATHERING TIME (10:15 – 10:30 AM) Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6145951009

Dial 929 436 2866 or 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 614 595 1009

WELCOME & PRELUDE

God is Good. All the time. & All the time. God is good.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
L: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
L: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
P: He lays down his life for his sheep.
P: He knows us, and we belong to him.
P: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

No. 9

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING

Psalm 23

The Divine Shepherd

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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

YOUTH MESSAGE Real and Pretend

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING Acts 4:5-12

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹² "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "By What Power or In What Name"

HYMN "That Beautiful Name" No. 128 (See attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS & CONCERNS – PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – 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. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING - PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - DOXOLOGY

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

HYMN "Take the Name of Jesus with You" No. 127 (See attached)

CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

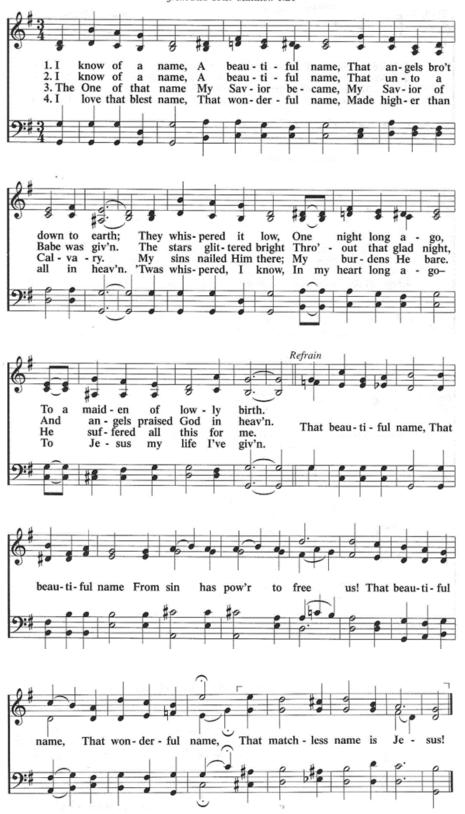
Grant you joy, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see his face, feel his grace forever.

May the Lord mighty God bless and keep you forever.

That Beautiful Name

You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21



Take the Name of Jesus with You

Whatever you do...do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus. Colossians 3:17

