

WEST BERLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1876

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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.

P: He lays down his life for his sheep.

L: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

P: He knows us, and we belong to him.

L: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

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. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING

Psalm 23

The Divine Shepherd

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely 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

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if 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, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This 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

1. I know of a name, A beau-ti-ful name, That an-gels bro't
2. I know of a name, A beau-ti-ful name, That un-to a
3. The One of that name My Sav-ior be-came, My Sav-ior of
4. I love that blest name, That won-der-ful name, Made high-er than

down to earth; They whis-pered it low, One night long a-go,
Babe was giv'n. The stars glit-tered bright Thro'-out that glad night,
Cal-va-ry. My sins nailed Him there; My bur-dens He bare.
all in heav'n. 'Twas whis-pered, I know, In my heart long a-go-

Refrain

To a maid-en of low-ly birth.
And an-gels praised God in heav'n. That beau-ti-ful name, That
He suf-fered all this for me.
To Je-sus my life I've giv'n.

beau-ti-ful name From sin has pow'r to free us! That beau-ti-ful

name, That won-der-ful name, That match-less name is Je-sus!

Take the Name of Jesus with You 127

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

1. Take the name of Je - sus with you, Child of sor - row and of woe.
 2. Take the name of Je - sus ev - er, As a shield from ev - 'ry snare.
 3. O the pre - cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
 4. At the name of Je - sus bow - ing, Fall - ing pros - trate at His feet,

It will joy and com - fort give you; Take it, then, wher - e'er you go.
 If temp - ta - tions round you gath - er, Breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.
 When His lov - ing arms re - ceive us, And His songs our tongues em - ploy!
 King of Kings in heav'n we'll crown Him When our jour - ney is com - plete.

Refrain

Pre - cious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n!
 Pre - cious name, O how sweet!

Pre - cious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n!
 Pre - cious name, O how sweet, how sweet!