

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR LAMPLIGHT

(April 20, 2024 + Easter 4)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*** SONG OF PRAISE:** "Wonderful, Merciful, Savior"

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 4:1-12

EPISTLE: 1 John 3:16-24

*** GOSPEL:** John 10:11-18

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

BIBLE MESSAGE: "Christ, Our Life: Our Good Shepherd"

SONG OF THE DAY: "Draw Me Close to You"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** BLESSING**

*** CLOSING SONG:** "You Never Let Go"

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun 4/21	7:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
	8:30 am	Divine Worship Service
	9:45 am	New Member Reception (Gym)
	11:00 am	Morning Song Service
	12:30 pm	Student Debt Fundraising Luncheon
Mon 4/22	5:00 pm	Soccer Shots (Soccer Field)
	7:30 pm	Bible Study - Heimlich - MOMS (114)
Tues 4/23	9:00 am	Prayer Group (231)
	10:00 am	KSO String Quartet (Sanctuary)
	3:30 pm	Math Tutoring (Library)
	5:00 pm	Dojo of the Risen Son (Gym)
Wed 4/24	5:30 pm	Life Skills (Allan Hall)
	6:00 pm	Basketball (Gym)
		Conf. Family Mtg. (Youth Room)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (114)
Thurs. 4/25	8:00 am	TEC21 Workshop (Youth Room)
	9:30 am	Bible Study - Chilcott (230)
		Bible Study - Chadderton (Office Conf.)
		South Asia Worship/Fellowship (Allan Hall)
	6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Mtg. (230)
	6:30 pm	SMLS Chapel
Fri 4/26	9:00 am	Quilting Group (230)
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	2:00 pm	LAMP Mtg. (223)
	2:30 pm	Knitting Group (Allan Hall)
	6:00 pm	PTL - BINGO Night (Gym)
Sat 4/27	9:00 am	Music Rehearsal - Cannon
	5:00 pm	Lamplight Worship

LAMPLIGHT



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 20, 2024
5:00 PM

Acts 4:1-12

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the 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 examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

1 John 3:16-24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him.

And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

John 10:11-18

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."