

**Grey Street United Church**  
**May 12, 2019**

**4th Sunday of EASTER**  
**CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY**

*\* Stand as you are able. Words in **bold** spoken by all.*

\*GATHERING SONG: – “Gloria! Gloria!”

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH:

\*HYMN: VU 273 “The King Of Love”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

OPENING PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER:  
*(spoken)*

ANTHEM: – “ Come Thou Font Of Ev’ry Blessing”  
*- soloist: Jamie Swiscoski*

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART:

*We know the sound of Jesus’ voice.  
It is a voice of love, welcome and calling.*

VIDEO: - “Time To Dance”

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL:

In the earth, bulbs stir and sprout.

**On the branch, buds burst into leaf.**

In the nest, eggs lie, warmed by love, waiting. Send  
your Spirit here, we pray,

**that mercy may stir in us,**

alleluias burst from our lips,

**joy be incubated here in this community of your  
Christ.**

Hear us as we admit our failings:

**we war, we mock, we ignore, we pollute.**

Your people behave like no people,

**as if we had not been made in love and for love.**

We let your dream of peace and justice for all die from  
neglect. We confess our hurry to judge,  
**our slowness to understand,**  
our avoidance of the call of the gospel. Forgive us, we  
pray,

**your people gathered here, and all humanity.**  
**Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

*Now hear these words of assurance...*

God is our strength and our song.

**God has become our salvation.**

There are shouts of joy and deliverance in the tents of  
the righteous.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 9:36-43 - *Peter raises Tabitha to life*

John 10:22-30 - *The sheep listen to my voice*

We give God thanks for these readings  
of Holy Scripture ...

**AMEN**

MESSAGE:

\*HYMN: MV 126 - “Are You A Shepherd”

OFFERING:

*(during this time, feel free to light a candle in prayer)*

\*OFFERING HYMN: “Praise God For this Holy Ground”  
*(on screen)*

\*OFFERATORY PRAYER:

PRAYER INTROIT: “God, We Give You Heartfelt Prayer”  
*(on screen)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

\*HYMN: VU 595 “We Are Pilgrims” *(The Servant Song)*

\*SENDING FORTH:

Peace be with you,  
**the peace of resurrection.**

Peace be with you,  
**the peace of Christ.**

Peace be with you,  
**the peace of faith.**

\*BENEDICTION: - VU 974 "Amen! Amen! Hallelujah,  
amen!"

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the Peace of Christ Be with You...  
**and also with you.**

POSTLUDE:

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**John 10:22-30 Good News Translation**

**Jesus Is Rejected**

<sup>22</sup>It was winter, and the Festival of the Dedication of the Temple was being celebrated in Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>Jesus was walking in Solomon's Porch in the Temple, <sup>24</sup>when the people gathered around him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? Tell us the plain truth: are you the Messiah?"

<sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have already told you, but you would not believe me. The deeds I do by my Father's authority speak on my behalf; <sup>26</sup>but you will not believe, for you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they shall never die. No one can snatch them away from me. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater<sup>a</sup> than everything, and no one can snatch them away from the Father's care. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

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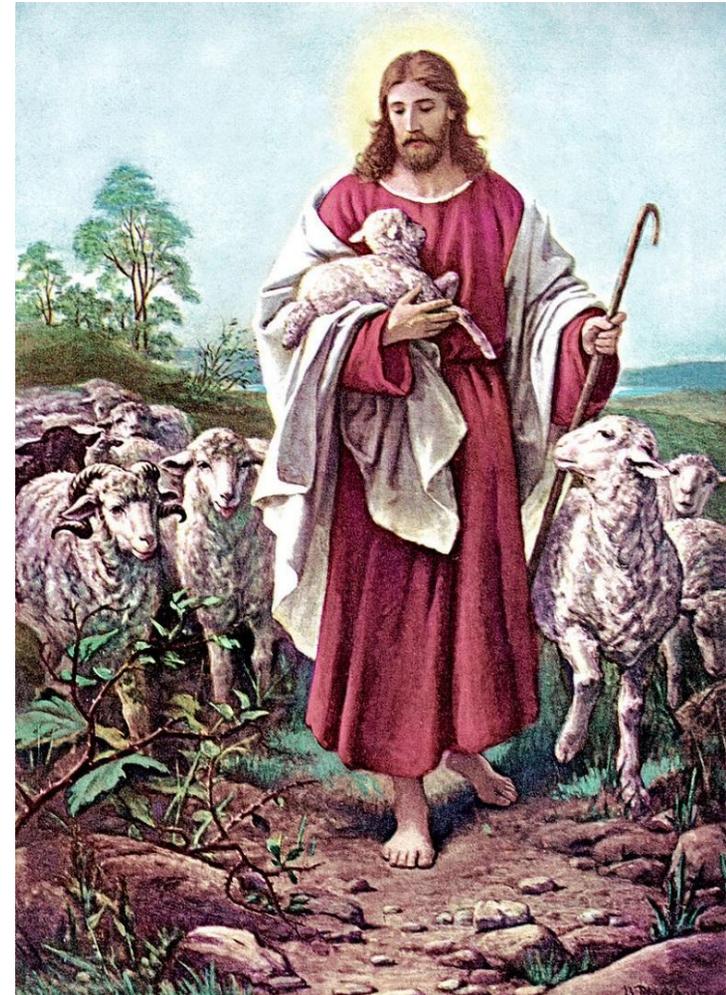
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