



**The First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam
April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter**

THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

“By a Carpenter mankind was made, and only by that Carpenter can mankind be remade.”
- Desiderius Erasmus

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Please join in and speak in unison all **bolded** parts.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd,

People: I shall not want.

Leader: He makes me to lie down in green pastures,

People: He leads me beside the still waters.

All: He restores my soul.

GATHERING PRAYER—

Good Shepherd, even while we walk through shadow-filled valleys, you are with us. And you prepare a table before us—meeting our needs— even while enemies draw near. You anoint our heads with oil, and our cups overflow. Surely goodness and love have come to us, for we dwell in your world, O God. And so we give thanks. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Come into God’s Presence”

#413 (see PDF)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There are moments, O God, when our self-centered need gives way to our instinct to aid others. When we become aware of someone in trouble, give us the courage to respond with our first impulse to help, rather than letting second thoughts turn us away. Help us to care as deeply for each other as the shepherd cares for the sheep. With the Spirit’s help we pray these things, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11-18 (NRSV)

SERMON

with Rev. Katrina Hebb

HYMN

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

#274(See PDF)

THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

**Ground of all being, Mother of Life,
Father of the Universe,
your name is sacred, beyond speaking.
May we know your presence,
may your longings be our longings in heart and in action.
May there be food today for the human family
and for the whole earth community.
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.
Do not forsake us in our times of conflict
but lead us to new beginnings.
For the light of life, the vitality of life
and the glory of life are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

#828 (see PDF)

POSTLUDE

Thank you very much for joining us in today’s remote service.
May God’s health and peace find you in these uncertain times.

Worship Leader: Rev. Katrina Hebb
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