

# CHRIST THE KING



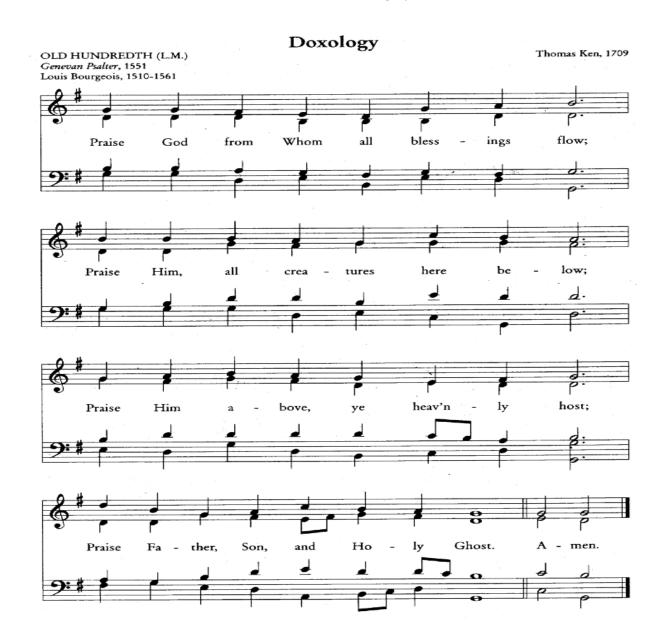
# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024

Meeting at: 32694 E Pearl Street, Coburg, Oregon 97408 Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### (Congregation Stands and responds with text in **BOLD**)

The LORD is my shepherd; You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. you anoint my head with oil; He leads me beside still waters. my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for days of my life, his name's sake. and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (Psalm 23 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, Christ is risen! I will fear no evil, He is risen indeed! for you are with me; Let us worship God in the Name of the Father, your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!





# CONFESSION

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

(Congregation Sits)

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:56-57) Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. (Those who are able may kneel at this time. Otherwise please be seated.)

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess in your presence the sinfulness of our nature, and our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Have mercy, O Lord, and forgive our sins through Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

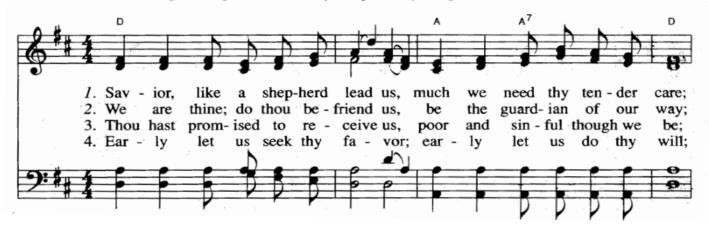
(Congregation Stands)

Jesus Christ was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. (*Romans 4:25*) We were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (*Romans 6:4*) Therefore to all those that repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, I declare that your sins have been forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Thanks be to God. Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen!

# Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. John 10:14





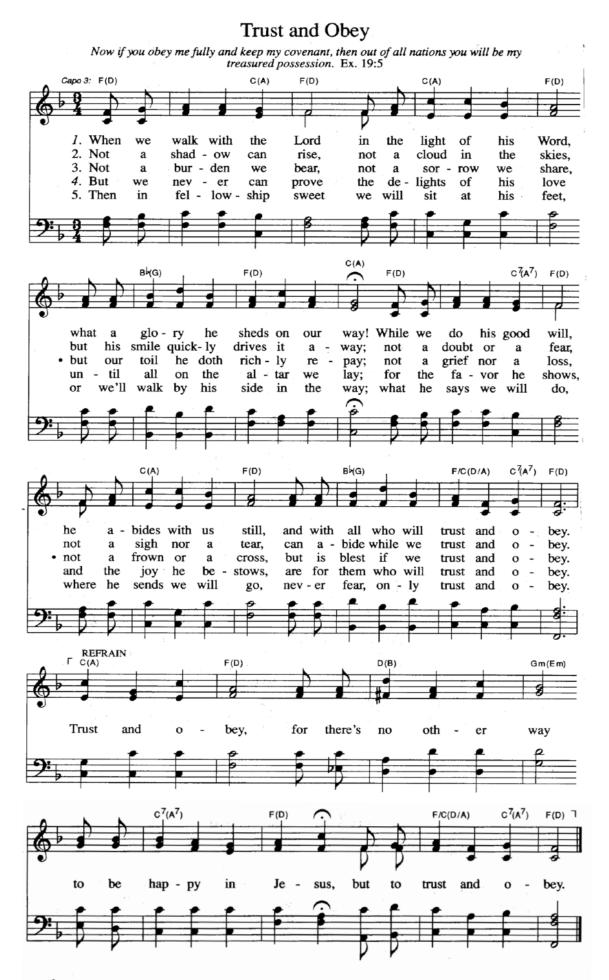
Hymns for the Young, 1836, attr. to Dorothy Ann Thrupp; alt.

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#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

#### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into Hades. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!



John M. Sammis, 1887

#### **GOD INSTRUCTS US**

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Ezekiel 34:11-25: 11 "For thus says the

LORD GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the LORD GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. 17 "As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. 18 Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? 19 And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? 20 "Therefore, thus says the LORD GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, 22 I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prev. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD: I have spoken. 25 "I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

#### **New Testament Reading**

Acts 20:17-38: 17 Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. 18 And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; 20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, 21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holv Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. 24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. 25 And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. 26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, 27 for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. 28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. 29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. 34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. 35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive." 36 And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. 37 And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, 38 being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks Be to God!

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH. (Congregation Seated)

And now let us pray as our Lord taught us:

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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 for ever. Amen!

#### MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD — John Dekker

How to be a Pastor - Acts 20:17-38

1. Paul's conduct

2. The elders' responsibility

3. The church's identity

(Congregation Stands)

# The Church's One Foundation





#### OFFERTORY

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

## COMMUNION

#### (Congregation Seated)

(We use alcoholic wine in Communion. The cups in the center of the tray contain non-alcoholic grape juice as an option, but we encourage members to drink wine.)

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord has prepared his table for all who love and trust in him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized, and are in good standing in the Church of Jesus Christ are welcome at this table. For this promise is to you and your children and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call. Almighty and merciful God, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We bless you for his holy incarnation, for his perfect life on earth, for his precious sufferings and death upon the cross, for his glorious resurrection from the dead, for his ascension to your right hand where he ever lives to plead our cause, for the promise of his coming again, and for his gift of the Holy Spirit. Remembering, therefore, the life and work of our Saviour Christ, and pleading his perfect sacrifice offered once and for all on the cross, we do this in obedience to his command. Amen.

# COMMISSION

#### GOD SENDS US FORTH

Congregation please stand, lifting our hearts and our hands in praise to God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord! (*Psalm 134:2*)



Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. **Amen**.



Tithes and Offerings may be placed in the Offering Box located in the back of the sanctuary before or after the service or electronically at TITHE.LY