

April 16, 2023

## Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

8:15 *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing* Wilbur Held

10:45 Shepherd's Band *Jesus Is Alive* CityAlight

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is risen!

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Solo: Tara Grove *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* Handel

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Leader:** Must we see you in order to believe you, Lord?  
Is seeing truly believing?  
Are we to be prisoners of our senses,  
distrusting and rejecting  
whatever we cannot see, touch, or hear?

**All:**        **Yet you are faithful—**  
                  you give sight to the blind,  
                  you carry us when we are weary,  
                  you call us to your side.

Leader:      The locked room of our hearts  
                  opens at the turn of your key.  
                  Speak your words of life to us again:

**All:**        **"Do not doubt, only believe."**  
                  **Speak your words of life,**  
                  **that we might live.**

Pastor:      The peace of God be with you.  
                  Receive God's forgiveness  
                  and the promise of the Spirit,  
                  for Jesus is risen from the dead.

Seen or unseen, he is present in our midst,  
and we see the presence of Christ  
reflected in each other's faces.  
Happy are those who have not seen,  
yet have come to believe.

from the Ministry Matters website

## **OPENING HYMN**

8:15 **#367** vv 1, 2, 4     ***Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds***

10:45 Shepherd's Band   ***10,000 Reasons***     **Matt Redman**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## **WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY**

Just Sisters, Butterfly Sunday

**SCRIPTURE READING...ACTS 2:14a, 22-32 NRSV**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

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“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—

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this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

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For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

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For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

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“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

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Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

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This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SONG OF RESPONSE**

8:15 **#386** Solo vs 1 & 5, All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

***O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing***

## **HOLY GOSPEL...JOHN 20:19-31 NRSV**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

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After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

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Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

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If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

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So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

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A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

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Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

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Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

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But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SONG OF RESPONSE**

8:15 **#386** vs 6 & 7     ***O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing***

10:45 Shepherd's Band     ***Lord I Lift Your Name on High Rick Founds***

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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## **MESSAGE SONG**

8:15 **#389** vv 1, 2, 5     ***Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing***

10:45 Shepherd's Band     ***Jesus Is Alive CityAlight***

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## THANK OFFERING

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: [shephills.org/give](http://shephills.org/give).
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746



## GENEROSITY IMPACT Lenten/Easter Offering Celebration

### OFFERING RESPONSE

8:15 ELW pg 140

*This is the Feast*

10:45 Shepherd's Band

*Oh, The Deep Deep Love of Jesus* Audrey Assad

### PRAYER OF THANKS

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## COMMUNION INVITATION

For the rest of Easter season, the Chalice on the altar was made by those who participated in *For You: A Holy Communion Retreat*.  
*This Sunday we honor Christina Davies.*

*As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the  
Risen presence of Jesus.*

*God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and  
promising new life.*

*Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;*

*Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

8:15 ***Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks***

10:45 Shepherd’s Band ***Scars I Am They***

## POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING SONG

8:15 **#376** ***Thine is the Glory***

10:45 Shepherd’s Band ***God So Loved We the Kingdom***

## COMMISSIONING

Leader: As Easter people, let us go out from this place, holding space for our faith and our doubt, to proclaim the good news of the risen Christ and to love and serve the Lord...

All: **Thanks be to God...And We Will!**

## POSTLUDE

8:15 ***Come aye Faithful Raise the Strain*** **Robert Farlee**

10:45 Shepherd’s Band

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Rodney Varner, Tom Lueders, and Sheila Hilts.

**We pray** for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Krista Bowers, niece of Herb and Kathy Palmer.

Ellis Thompsen, Butterfly alum

**We pray** for:

Katie Jones and family on the death of her father, Matt Simon.

Lynn & Rob Spillar and family on the death of their nephew,  
Dalton Funk.

Jay Temple and family on the death of his mother,  
Marilyn Lamp Temple.

Thom McNeil and family on the death of his mother,  
Dorothy Mae McNeil.

Surround all who mourn with the peace and promise of resurrection.

**We pray** for the upcoming Just Sisters event that will gather here next Saturday in conversations about race and our unity as one people. We pray for your Spirit to guide discussion, for honest sharing, reflective hearts and minds, and new revelations of who we are as your beloved people.

Merciful and Loving God, as war and violence rages in Ukraine and other parts of the world, we pray that leaders of the world will practice peace-making, bringing together people of every tribe and race under the umbrella of your amazing grace.

**We pray** for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti.

**We pray** for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.



**We pray** for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

*\*Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks,  
unless we are notified otherwise.*

### **WORSHIP TEAM**

**Pastors** Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

**Director of Worship/Arts** Kevin McClure

**Shepherd's Band** Charlie, Laura and Rachel Hills, Josh Norem

**Acolyte (8:15)** Jonathan Davies

**Altar Steward (8:15)** Nancy Etzler; (10:45) Diane Peterson

**Assisting Minister (8:15)** Nancy Etzler; (10:45) Alana Oehler

**AV** Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh,  
Jonathan Wolff, Vince and Jake Yokubaitis

**Bread** Kitt Richter

**Communion Assistant**

(8:15) Nancy Etzler, Christina Davies and Tara Grove;

(10:45) Alana and Charlie Oehler, Diane Peterson

**Food For Fellowship** Judy and Bob Haugen

**Hosts (8:15)** Terrie Thomas; (10:45) Virginia Bosman and Anita Knight

**Tellers (10:45)** Virginia Bosman and Anita Knight

**Admin Ministry Coordinator** Amanda Forsberg

**Campus Operations** Dave Wegner

**Communications Director** Dabney Gomes

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## ***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!***

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