VISION
To be an inclusive, connected, and loving community mobilized to serve Jesus Christ.

MISSION
We are a welcoming and diverse congregation that serves God by improving the spiritual, mental and physical well-being of people in our community and beyond through worship, education, fellowship, music, and mission outreach.

May 3, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF METUCHEN
270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840

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4th Sunday of Easter

Senior Pastor and Head of Staff:  Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry
Associate Pastor:  Rev. Justin D. Karmann
Pastor Emeritus:  Rev. Robert A. Beringer
Minister of Music:  Brenda Day

ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD

GATHERING

PRELUDE – “How Beautiful” Saxophone: Russ Dickow Twila Paris

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Virtual Communion this Sunday:  If you would like to participate, please have the elements of bread and juice ready. Whatever bread and whatever drink you have available are permissible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Justin D. Karmann

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 23

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN #20 – “All Things Bright and Beautiful” (verses 1, 4) Royal Oak

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Refrain:
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great, and small,
all thing wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
   God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. Refrain.

4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
   how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. Refrain.
THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN #187 – “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” (verses 1, 3, 4)Bradbury

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
   In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
   Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
   Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

3. You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
   you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
   Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
   Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

4. Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.
   Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
   Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.
   Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

SCRIPTURE READING – John 10:1-10
   This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God

SERMON – “Abundant Life” Rev. Karmann

SOLO – “His Eye Is On the Sparrow” Larrie Servino Charles H. Gabriel

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord’s Supper is truly the heart of Christian life and worship.
All who put their trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to share the Lord’s Supper.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE Rev. Garry

COMMUNION PRAYER AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
   and let us not fall into temptation but deliver us from evil.
   For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.
HYMN #541 – “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” (verses 1, 3, 4)

1. God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

3. God be with you till we meet again; when life’s perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.

4. God be with you till we meet again; keep love’s banner floating o’er you; smite death’s threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

One of the flowers arrangements is given by Elaine Hansen in loving memory of her husband, Art.

The purple floral arrangement is from Marion Guthjahr in honor of her children’s birthdays, Kenneth, May 17; Richard, May 27; and Valerie, May 12.