

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent personal preparation for the worship of God.*

## GATHERING

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sonata No. 3 (2nd movement) . . . . . Johannes Brahms  
Jeffrey DeVault, *piano*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

. . . . . Tom Starr  
*Leader:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**  
*Leader:* The Lord is our good shepherd.  
*People:* **The Lord will guide us to the springs of the water of life.**  
*Leader:* God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.  
*People:* **Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be to our God for ever and ever!**

\*HYMN -- The Strife is O'er . . . . . #119

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together) . . . . . John Weicher

**O God, our ears are often open to any voice but yours. We listen to the voices of greed which tell us there will not be enough to go around. We listen to the voices of fear which tell us that we are in trouble and there is no one to save. We listen to the voices of outrage which tell us we have been wronged and are entitled to our revenge. We listen to the voices of individualism and self-reliance which tell us that we are in this alone. We listen to the voice of Death which tells us this life is all there is. Forgive us, and restore us that we may hear and believe only your voice which promises to us, and to all your children, abundance of peace, mercy, community, and love, now and always. Amen.**

### SILENT PRAYER

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

\*RESPONSE -- Thine is the Glory . . . . . Hymn #122, 1st stanza  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes where the body lay.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

## \*THE PEACE

### OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Moment for Mission . . . . . Nicola Jefferson

## THE WORD

### ANTHEM -- I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (from *Messiah*)

G.F. Händel

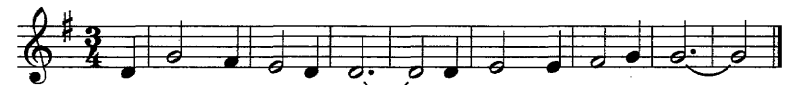
I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And tho' worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

Carol Nackenoff, *soprano*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING -- John 10:22-30 (NT, p. 104)

PSALTER -- Psalm 23 . . . . . Nancy Server, *cantor*



My shep-herd is the Lord. My shep-herd is the Lord.

### A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children ages 4 through 5th grade may leave for church school classes.

\*HYMN -- My Shepherd Will Supply My Need . . . . . #172

SECOND READING -- Acts 9:36-43 (NT, p. 128)

*Pastor:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON -- In Life and in Death We Belong to God . . . . . Lisa Day

*\*All who are able, please stand.*

**The Swarthmore Presbyterian Church**  
*Swarthmore, Pennsylvania*

**April 25, 2010**  
**10:15 a.m.**

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*



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*Ministers*

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**JOHN V. WEICHER, Associate Pastor**  
*Christian Education and Youth Ministry*

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**JOHN AND GWENDA FLETCHER** *Congo*

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**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** -- Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep . . . . . John Rutter  
*Loving shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb in safety keep. Nothing can thy power withstand. None can pluck me from thy hand. I would praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey. Like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy perfect love. Loving shepherd ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear. Suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way. Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below. Till before my Father's throne, I shall know as I am known. Loving shepherd...*

**\*DOXOLOGY** . . . . . Old Hundredth  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God all creatures here below.**  
**Praise God above, ye heavenly host,**  
**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN** -- Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing . . . . . #538

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Toccata in A minor . . . . . Benedetto Marcello

*As you leave during the closing voluntary, please do so quietly in respect for those who wish to remain seated.*