

FIRST CHURCH WEST HARTFORD

APRIL 21, 2024

PRELUDE *Prelude* Louis Vierne  
*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* arr. Patricia Sanders Cota  
The Whitechapel Handbell Choir, Michael Loveland, directing

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Abigail Mitchell

One: God is our guide and guardian. We have all that we need.

All: **We will care for one another, as God cares for us.**

One: Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

All: **We will walk with one another, as God walks with us.**

One: Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

All: **We will bless one another, as God blesses us.**

†HYMN 275 [\*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation\*](#) WESTMINSTER ABBEY

†OPENING PRAYER

**Shepherd of our souls, you offer us rest in the safety of green pastures and fullness of life in your name. When our spirits are parched, you lead us beside still waters and quench our thirst for righteousness. You restore our souls and heal our injuries. May we abide in your love and grace for all eternity. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Amanda Bethune

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Nolan Richard Munro  
Child of Kelly and Tyler Munro

ANTHEM *The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm* Bobby McFerrin  
The First Church Choir

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING [Psalm 23](#) (OT p. 617)

†GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 35) GREATOREX  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.**

SERMON *I Have All I Need. And My Cup Overflows.* Rev. Fredd

HYMN 558 [Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us](#) BRADBURY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* James Ellor  
arr. Patricia Sanders Cota  
The Whitechapel Handbell Choir, Michael Loveland, directing

†DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**As a shepherd sacrifices for the sake of the flock, may we strive to serve our neighbors. Whether our neighbor lives next door or lives on the other side of the world, may God bless our prayers and our outreach programs. In Christ's name, we present these offerings. Amen.**

†HYMN 545 [He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!](#) HE LEADETH ME

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Amen* Gabriel Fauré  
The Adult Choir

POSTLUDE *Presto, from the Fifth Organ Concerto* G. F. Handel



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

April 21, 2024  
10 o'clock

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