

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

10:50 AM



Welcome back to Worship at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church! Please enter through the Breezeway Narthex doors and follow the instructions of the Greeters and Ushers.

\* Those who are able please stand

### Gathering in God's Name

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Based on Psalm 23)*

Leader: We come together to praise the Living God;

**People: The Lord is with us, leading us beside still waters.**

Leader: The Lord restores our souls;

**People: With our trust in the Lord, we have everything we need.**

**All: So, we praise God this day, knowing that one day we will all praise God as one, in our heavenly home.**

#### HYMN

#### *"The Church's One Foundation"*

*(In lieu of Congregational singing, our Socially Distant Choir has pre-recorded our Hymns for this morning. You are invited to ponder the text as the images as shown on the screens.)*

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How Long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

### Preparing for the Word

#### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**Leader:** Our Loving Shepherd knows our names, cares for us even through darkness and death, and restores our souls.

**People:** **Let us trust in God's goodness and mercy as we confess our sin together.**

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN** (*unison*)

**Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted. In the midst of your many blessings, we complain of not having enough. In the presence of danger, we fail to trust your abiding love. When you set a table before us, we turn aside from you. Call us back into your care and help us trust your caring presence, that our actions may proclaim your truth. Amen.**

#### **SILENT CONFESSION**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives. God forgives our failures and calls us back into the flock.

**People:** **God calls us to love one another as God loves us. In this, we know the truth of Christ's peace. So, we share signs of Christ's peace with one another.**

#### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Hearing the Word

#### **TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Pastor Kevin

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (*unison*)

**Good Shepherd, we are the sheep of your pasture and you know us by name. We offer grateful thanks for your loving care. Open our hearts and minds to the guiding of your Spirit in our lives. Lead us in right paths, that we may serve you in truth and action. Amen.**

#### **ANTHEM**

*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadest a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O the transport of delight  
With which my cup o'er floweth.

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Acts 4:5-12 Red Pew Bible NT 121

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 23 Red Pew Bible OT 501

**HYMN OF REFLECTION** "Shepherd Me, O God"

Shepherd me, O God,  
Beyond my wants,  
Beyond my fears,  
From death into life.

**THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON** John 10:11-18 Red Pew Bible NT 103

**SERMON** "People of Hope, Part 4: We're Not Alone Down Here" Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd  
"I am the good shepherd." -John 10:11

### Responding to the Word

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*) (From the United Church of Canada)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.**

**A TIME OF GIVING**

Contributions may be placed in the wooden offering box in the Narthex on your way out, or you can give online at [www.springbranchpres.org/give](http://www.springbranchpres.org/give).

**Departing to Serve**

**HYMN**

*"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
Come, with all your loving kindness; hear your people as we pray,  
And your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:  
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Thank you for joining us for Worship this morning! Please wait for the Ushers to dismiss you by row.*

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***Sunday School is Still ZOOMING!***

***Sundays at 9:30***

We are still in a time when personal choices are made and honored for our personal safety and the safety of our friends and neighbors. To honor and respect your personal choices, your Faith Development Ministry team at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church will offer a ZOOM Sunday morning opportunity beginning Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.



We will begin with a series of lessons offered by PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission - *The Things that Make for Peace*. The study focuses on the inner and outer path to peace as foundational to faithful discipleship. Each session has a "dig deeper" section for study through the week.

For those who prefer to study from home on Sunday mornings, please let Carol Davis know by calling (281-725-7830) or by email ([caroldavis@entouch.net](mailto:caroldavis@entouch.net)) to let her know you are interested. She will send a ZOOM invitation for each Sunday gathering.

If you are a pro at Sunday morning ZOOM study, or joining for the first time, all are welcomed.

## Announcements & Events

**Please join us for our next Drive-Thru Wednesday Night Supper** this Wednesday, April 28th at 6:00 PM. On the menu is Homemade Hungarian Stew by Silvia Argyriou, Buttered Noodles, Stir-Fried Summer Squash, Rolls, and Homemade Dessert Tarts. Please contact [secretary@springbranchpres.org](mailto:secretary@springbranchpres.org) to place your dinner order.

**You are invited to attend Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin.** The group gathers at 11:00am on Zoom on Tuesday mornings. Watch your email for instructions to join. We hope to see you there!

**Scholarship Applications are now available for interested students.** Completed applications are due by May 1st for the year applying, and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship. The 2021-2022 Scholarship Application can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.springbranchpres.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2021-2022-Scholarship-Application.pdf>.

**Thank you to all that participated in the PCHAS Virtual Fundraiser Luncheon on April 15th!** If anyone was unable to attend the PCHAS event, it was recorded. Here is the link to it >> <https://youtu.be/ll8N8PrWFTo>. Giving information is included at the end of the video.

**From the Congregation Team:** The City of Houston Health Department will come to the home to vaccinate shut-ins, or those over the age of 90. Contact the vaccine hotline at 832-393-4220 to schedule an appointment.

**The Spring Branch Presbyterian Academy has a brand new email address!** Make sure to add them to your email contacts ([academy@springbranchpres.org](mailto:academy@springbranchpres.org)).

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### April 25 — Sunday

9:30 am Explorers (FH)  
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)  
9:30 am Virtual Sunday School (Zoom)  
10:50 am Worship

### May 2 — Sunday

9:30 am Explorers (FH)  
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)  
9:30 am Virtual Sunday School (Zoom)  
10:50 am Worship

### April 26 — Monday

6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

### May 3 — Monday

6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

### April 27 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom)  
7:00 pm Session (Zoom)

### May 4 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting (GP)  
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom)

### April 28 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (GP)  
6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS:  
Homemade Hungarian Stew!

### May 5 — Wednesday

9:30 am PW Moderator (Zoom)  
10:15 am PW Board Meeting (Zoom)

### April 29 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

### May 6 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)  
6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)



# SPRING BRANCH Presbyterian Church

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## Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church  
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd  
 Administrator: Jorida Vakiari  
 Ministries Coordinator: C. Miguel Carlin  
 Administrative Assistant: Ethan Mitchell  
 Music Director: Gabriel Perez  
 Accompanist: Chip Colvin  
 AV Director: Ethan Mitchell  
 Academy Director: Renee Henry

## Ministry Teams:

Administration Leader: Web Trevathan  
 Congregation Leader: Kay Craig  
 Faith Development: Denise Wilborn  
 Mission Leader: Steve Blair  
 Worship Leader: Megan Hogg  
 Treasurer: Neal Dikeman

## The Session

Clerk: Elizabeth Powell

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

## Class of 2021

Kay Craig  
 Margaret Ford  
 Lisa Merritt  
 Christopher Powell

## Class of 2022

Steve Blair  
 Ethan Mitchell  
 Web Trevathan  
 Denise Wilborn

## Class of 2023

Silvia Argyriou  
 Megan Hogg  
 Elizabeth Powell  
 Lu Taylor

## Academy Board

Elizabeth Earnest  
 Stephanie Premer

Anne Johnson  
 Denise Wilborn

Neal Dikeman  
 Sarah Dikeman

## Serving today in Worship:

**Liturgist:** Jacquie Ballesteros

**Time For Young Disciples:** Pastor Kevin

**Usher Captain:** Donald McDaniel

**PowerPoint:** Patty Blome

**Socially Distant Choir:** Patty Blome, Rebecca Castillo, Bob Deutsch,  
 Kyle Eveler, Gary & Laurie Mitchell,  
 Gabe Perez, and Lin Sabala

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