

Fourth Sunday of Easter weekend, 4/25/2021:

Call to Worship -- Psalm 121

A song of ascents.

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

² My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷ The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;

⁸ the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Hymn: "In Christ Alone (Official Lyric Video) - Keith & Kristyn Getty, Alison Krauss"

- from Keith and Kristyn Getty

{sing along with the word on the screen} (click on link below) --

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16KYvflc2bE>

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, who sent Jesus the Good Shepherd to gather us together; forgive us from going astray and not following our shepherd, but rather following the sinful desires of our own hearts. May we not wander from your Son's flock but follow where he leads us, knowing his voice and staying near him until we are safely in your fold to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Rejoice and be glad! Our God is full of mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Jesus Christ entered this world to rescue sinners. He bore in his body on the cross, our sin, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is fresh and good. Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Dare to believe in the gift of a new beginning, and be at peace.

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24 Read by Anne Ward on video (click on link below) --

<https://www.facebook.com/nwpresbyterian/videos/2863513227245765>

Sermon: "Love in Action" by Pastor Buddy Ward on video (click on link below) --

<https://www.facebook.com/nwpresbyterian/videos/585022782892103>

Hymn: "They'll Know We Are Christians" - from Donald Bostic

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfg5VTyDkyA>

Benediction - Ephesians 3:20-21

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to God's power that is at work within us, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."