

WORSHIP IN APRIL
At First Congregational of Evanston

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

EASTER 3

Anthem

Hassel – “This is the Feast”

Sermon

The Road to Now Here

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Text summaries: With one sermon, Peter convinces 3,000 to be baptized (Acts); the Psalmist imagines fitting responses to God’s bounty; encouragement to allow salvation to have an effect on action (1 Peter); “the Road to Emmaus” (Luke).

Scripture for the day: *They told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.* Luke 24:35

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

EASTER 4; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Anthem

Matthews – “The Day of Resurrection”

Sermon

Hard Times

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Text summaries: The early Church sets an example for righteous living (Acts); the Shepherd Psalm; bear suffering as Christ did on the cross (1 Peter); Christ’s sheep will answer to no other (John).

Scripture for the day: *It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.* 1 Peter 2:19

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

EASTER 5

Anthem

Vaughan Williams - “O How Amiable”, “The Call”

Sermon

Stones

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Text summaries: The stoning of Stephen (Acts); a cry to God for refuge (Psalm); Christians are God’s people – living stones (1 Peter); those who know Christ know God (John).

Scripture for the day: *Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.* 1 Peter 2:5a

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

EASTER 6; CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY

Anthem

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Text summaries: Paul tells Athenians about “an unknown god” (Acts); God answered prayers and saved the people (Psalm); “good conduct” and patience are the faith-filled response to cruelty (1 Peter); Jesus promises “the Spirit of truth” to the disciples (John).

Scripture for the day: *Those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them.* John 14:21b