



# EASTER IV - BELONGING

## 04.21.2024

The Good Shepherd and the Hired Hand

### **Prelude – The Band**

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### **Orientation – Amy Sens**

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"Sometimes, when we pray for miracles what we are really praying for is God to do the work that we are too afraid to take action about. Often, the miracle resides in us and we need to simply "be all in", rather than standing on the fence waiting."

— Shannon L. Alder

### **Song – I Am Light – India Arie – The Band**

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I am light, I am light  
I am light, I am light  
I am light, I am light  
I am light, I am light  
I am not the things my family did  
I am not the voices in my head  
I am not the pieces of the brokenness inside  
I am light  
I am light  
I am light, I am light  
I am light, I am light  
I am light, I am light  
I'm not the mistakes that I have made  
Or any of the things that caused me pain  
I am not the pieces of the dream I left behind  
I am light  
I am light  
I am light  
I, I am light  
I am light, I am light  
Ay-yeah  
I am light, I am light  
I am not the colour of my eyes  
I am not the skin on the outside  
I am not my age  
I am not my race, my soul inside is all light  
All light

All light, yeah  
All light  
I am light, I am light  
I am light, I am light, yeah  
I am divinity defined  
I am the god on the inside  
I am a star  
A piece of it all  
I am light

### Community Welcome – Sharon Paul and Derek Torsani

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### Children's Message – Jim Hamilton

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God Be In My Head  
God be in my head  
God be in my words  
God be in my heart  
God be in my hands  
God be in my whole self

### Passing the Peace

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### Reading One – Work Boots: Still Life by Jim Daniels

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Next to the screen door  
work boots dry in the sun.  
Salt lines map the leather  
and laces droop  
like the arms of a new-hire  
waiting to punch out.  
The shoe hangs open like the sigh  
of someone too tired to speak  
a mouth that can almost breathe.  
A tear in the leather reveals  
a shiny steel toe  
a glimpse of the promise of safety  
the promise of steel and the years to come.

### Psalm 23

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Refrain  
The Lord is my shepherd;

**I shall not be in want.**

**The Lord is my shepherd;**

**I shall not be in want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

**He revives my soul**

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

**Refrain**

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I shall fear no evil;**

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**Refrain**

**You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;**

**you have anointed my head with oil,**

**and my cup is running over.**

**Refrain**

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**Refrain**

**Prayers of the People – Corey Bergman**

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**Song – The Light – Regina Spektor The Band**

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**The light was shining in my eyes before I closed them**

**And all the dreams I had the night before came back**

**The faces that I'd seen looked so familiar**

**But they're just strangers, I haven't met them yet**

**I know the morning is wiser than the evening**

**I know that wrong and right can sometimes look the same**

**So many things I know, but they don't help me**

**Each day I open up my eyes and start again**

**The light comes shining in my eyes**

**The light comes shining in my eyes**

**The light comes shining in my eyes**

**The light comes shining in my eyes**

**So many stories I want to tell you**

**I wish that I could show you the many things I've seen**

**You and your daddy, you both look like poets**

**Your eyes are open wide while you are in a dream**

**I know the morning is wiser than the nighttime  
I know there's nothing wrong, I shouldn't feel so down  
So many things I know, but they don't help me  
Each day I open up my eyes to look around**

**The sun comes shining in my eyes  
The sun comes shining in my eyes  
The sun comes shining in my eyes  
The sun comes shining in my eyes**

**Are closed now  
Count the stars inside your mind  
Count the breaths, count heartbeats  
Count the sounds of life**

**The light was shining in my eyes before I closed them  
And all the dreams I had the night before were gone  
The faces that I'd seen looked so familiar  
But I forgot them all when I saw the sun**

**I know the morning is wiser than the evening  
I know that all of life just happens in between  
So many things I know, but they don't help me  
Each day I open up my eyes and it begins**

**The light comes shining in my eyes  
The light comes shining in my eyes  
The light comes shining in my eyes  
The light comes shining in my eyes**

**The light, the light, the light, the light  
The light, the light**

**Reading Two: John 10:11-18 (CEB) – Vaughn Vigil**

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"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That's because he isn't the shepherd; the sheep aren't really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. He's only a hired hand and the sheep don't matter to him.

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that don't belong

to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

“This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father.”

### **Holy World by Shawn Kirchner – The Band**

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**O I have seen the beauty of a child,  
Born into this weary world —  
Pure and new, placed into  
The old and care-worn hands.**

**Refrain:**

**Holy world, holy world,  
Where sorrows are turning with joy  
Holy world:  
Sorrows are turning with joy.**

**And I have seen how hopes slip away,  
Slip away like shifting sand —  
Only to reveal:  
The rock, and a place to stand.**

**Holy world, holy world,  
Where sorrows are turning with joy  
Holy world:  
Sorrows are turning with joy.**

**Surely, surely, the rainbow promise of old still remains.  
Surely, surely there is a voice to which all souls resound.**

**Surely, surely the road is still there, that leads us all back home.  
And surely, surely a mother waits...for her lost to be found.**

**Holy world, holy world,  
Where sorrows are turning with joy  
Holy world,  
Sorrows are turning with joy.**

## Offering – building supplies

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### The Middle – Jimmy Eat World – The Band

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Hey, don't write yourself off yet  
It's only in your head, you feel left out  
Or looked down on

Just try your best  
Try everything you can  
And don't you worry what they tell themselves  
When you're away

It just takes some time  
Little girl, you're in the middle of the ride  
Everything, everything'll be just fine  
Everything, everything'll be alright, alright

Hey, you know they're all the same  
You know you're doing better on your own (on your own)  
So don't buy in

Live right now  
Yeah, just be yourself  
It doesn't matter if it's good enough (good enough)  
For someone else

It just takes some time  
Little girl, you're in the middle of the ride  
Everything, everything'll be just fine  
Everything, everything'll be alright, alright

It just takes some time  
Little girl, you're in the middle of the ride  
Everything, everything'll be just fine  
Everything, everything'll be alright, alright

Hey, don't write yourself off yet  
It's only in your head, you feel left out (feel left out)  
Or looked down on

Just do your best (just do your best)  
Do everything you can (do everything you can)

**And don't you worry what their bitter hearts (bitter hearts)  
Are gonna say**

**It just takes some time  
Little girl, you're in the middle of the ride  
Everything, everything'll be just fine  
Everything, everything'll be alright, alright**

**It just takes some time  
Little girl, you're in the middle of the ride  
Everything, everything'll be just fine  
Everything, everything'll be alright**

**Celebration of Eucharist – Jim Hamilton**

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*All are welcome at the Eucharistic table. If you do not wish to partake, feel free to come forward for a blessing, or to take this time for meditation and personal reflection.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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**Prayer & Blessing – Jim Hamilton**

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**Announcements and Commissioning – Vaughn Vigil**

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**Today – Men's Circle Conversation**

**Online Bible Study**

**April 27 Baltimore Bowmen – Youth Trip**

**April 28 Yoga Church**

**Key Bridge Relief**

**Coming soon: Membership classes – Three sessions, help us figure out the schedule**

**Song – Peace Like a River – Traditional – The Band**

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**I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got  
peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.**

**I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. I've got  
joy like a fountain,**

**I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.**

**I've got love like the ocean,  
I've got love like the ocean,  
I've got love like the ocean in my soul. I've got  
love like the ocean,  
I've got love like the ocean,  
I've got love like the ocean in my soul.**

**I've got peace like a river I've got joy like a fountain, I've got love like the ocean, In my soul.**

**Dismissal – Vaughn Vigil**

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