

Sunday Worship

April 21, 2024, 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: The Good Shepherd

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Thinking of Glory" Dorothy Wells

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Rose Aiello

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 23 Leader

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

Leader: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

***Opening Hymn** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (v.1,3,4) UMH #381

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** Leader
Most Holy Jesus, we came here today wandering. We often fool ourselves into thinking that we are in control of our lives and capable of setting our own direction. However, the truth is that unless we are following you, we are still lost. But, you give us hope. You tell us that you are the Good Shepherd. You remind us that you know your sheep, and your sheep know you. And even if we don't know you, you promise that you *have other sheep that do not belong to this fold*, and that you'll gather them as well! You are truly "Good." May we open our minds and hearts to follow you, today. And may this day be the next step in truly being a part of your fold. We pray this in your precious name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Shepherd Your Flock"

Nan and
Dennis Allen

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [1 John 3:11-17](#), [23-24](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [John 10:11-18](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Counting Sheep" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Oh How He Loves You and Me" TFWS #2108

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts

***Doxology**

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Loving Father in heaven, thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus. He gave himself up for us and continues to be our Good Shepherd, leading us back to you. We give you thanks by praising your name. We give you thanks in our prayers to you. Today, we give you thanks by offering our gifts back to your service. Do with them as you will, so that your Kingdom come, and your will be done. We love you Lord. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

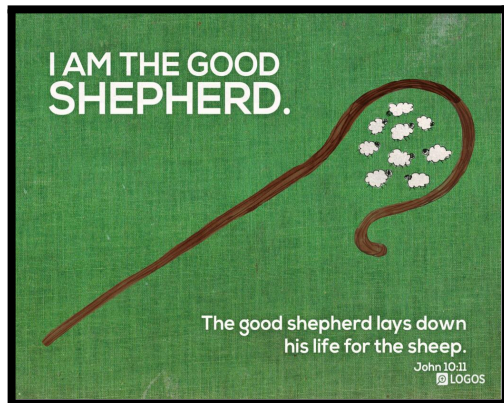
*Sending Hymn "Precious Lord Take My Hand" UMH #474

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Shalom to You" UMH #666

Postlude

Coffee Hour Hosted by Gail Mas



Coming Up:

Apr. 28th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - "Jesus: The True Vine" Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word to hear about how being connected with Jesus is the ONLY way to "bear much fruit" ([John 15:1-11](#)) Ready for some pruning?

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for **Wednesday-Wakeup** Devotional



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

Worship Livestream Zoom link:
<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVYXdlLzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"