

Sunday Worship

May 11, 2025 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: The Good Shepherd

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Fantasia" Robert W. Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Sue Simmons

*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;**

Leader: He restores my soul.

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

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;

People: **your rod and your staff - they comfort me.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

People: **you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: **and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

*Opening Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" UMH #185

*Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader

Most Holy Jesus, we come here today to seek you and to follow you more. You are our Good Shepherd - the only Shepherd worth following. You give, and you love, and you care for us as no one else can. You are God. We ask that you allow this service to open our ears, to open our eyes, and to warm our hearts so that we can walk more closely with you. While we accept that we are all made in God's image, we also know that we can so easily be led astray. Lead us, our Good Shepherd. Lead us, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "This is The Day" Jay Althouse

A Time for Children of All Ages Brian & Juliana Sherwood

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Revelation 7:9-17](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Lesson: [John 10:22-30](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "My Sheep Hear My Voice" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn of Response "God, You Wrap Your Love Around Us" Slides

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

*Doxology The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Ever loving and ever giving God, we worship you! With our songs of praise today we worship you. With our attention to the reading of Your Holy Word, we worship you. In our Bible studies, gatherings, and devotional time during the week, we worship you. Now, with these gifts, we worship you. You, our Lord, our God, our Good Shepherd, are worthy of our love and adoration. Use these gifts, and those who gave them, to Your service, we trust. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Majesty" UMH #176

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Awesome God" TFWS #2040
(sing once)

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

May 18th - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([John 13:31-35](#)).
How do people know that you're a Christian?

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



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



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

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96540669674?pwd=OEVTYXdILzBucDR4YzBvdEwvSlkyQT09>

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"