

# Fourth Sunday of Easter, Communion Sunday

May 7, 2017 8:30 am

*"God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)*

## Prelude

## Welcome

\*Opening Songs                    **"God Leads Us Along"                    W&P 3031**  
  **"When Words Alone Cannot Express"       W&P 3012**

## Announcements

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song                           **"Gentle Shepherd"                           W&P 3096**

## \*Opening Prayer (in unison)

**"God, Beloved Shepherd, we come to listen for Your familiar voice. Gather us in from our comings and goings. Lead us into Your peaceful presence. Feed us in the pastures of Your love and show us to celebrate abundant life. Amen."**

## Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Song                           **"Gentle Shepherd"                           W&S 3096**

## \*Passing of the Peace

## Children's Moment

## Prayer of Petition (in unison)

**"God of love and grace, as You swing wide the gate of welcome this day, strengthen us to walk through the gate of Your mercy and love. Speak to us through Your teachings that we may devote ourselves to Your guidance and feed on Your life-giving word. In Your name, we pray. Amen."**

*\*Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

Hebrew Scripture                    **Psalm                    23:1-6**   Sam Guest

Gospel Lesson                        **John                     10:1-10**

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Message                                **"The Lord Is My Shepherd"                    Rev. Wayne Chung**  
*Who likes to be compared to sheep? Who doesn't know the Psalm 23? "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."*

Giving in Response to God's Love  
Offertory

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer – Sharing of the Bread and Cup

\*Closing Song                        **"You Feed Us, Gentle Savior"                    W&S 3169**

## \*Sending Forth with God's Blessing

Response                                **"Peace, Salaam, Shalom"                        W&S 3181**

## Postlude

Lection Reading for Following Sunday  
Acts 7:55-60                    **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16                    1 Peter 2:2-10                    John 14:1-14**

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*The flowers on the altar today are given by Jim and Sharon Fowler in memory of Tom Fowler's birthday, which was May 1<sup>st</sup>. Tom passed away on April 22<sup>nd</sup> of last year, just a few days short of his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

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## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

**Our Prayers:** The Family of Jack T. Dorsey, Sr., The Kotoriy Family, Florence Bowles, Elsie Arnold, Deloras Ward recovering from surgery, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr., Laura Wise – sister of Donna Nestor, Diana Marshall – niece of Martha Wooldridge, Kathy Wallace, Bill Fowler, Those who travel

**Our Presence:**                      Worship Attendance Last Sunday                      184  
    Average Worship Attendance                      197

**Our Gifts:** Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

**Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)**

	January-March 2017					
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %		
General Fund	\$99,852	\$95,219	\$4,633	5%		
Missions Fund	\$4,580	\$6,174	(\$1,594)	-26%		
P&I Fund	\$4,157	\$4,500	(\$343)	-8%		
Building Fund	\$17,874	\$16,500	\$1,374	8%		
Kitchen Fund	\$1,510	\$6,000	(\$4,490)	-75%		
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	21	Other	1	YTD Cereal	512

\*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$114,421 as of March 31, 2017  
 Mortgage Loan Balance = \$495,849 as of March 31, 2017

**Our Service:**

Ministers                      All Members and Volunteers at Friendship  
 Secretary                      Bonnie Dean [bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org](mailto:bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org)  
 Music Team                      Sandy Melson Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee,  
    Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley  
 Custodian                      Jim Fowler  
 Counters                      Joyce Terry & Judy McGowan  
 8:30 Greeters & Ushers                      Harry Hill & Sam Terry  
 8:30 Sound Tech                      John Wilson  
 Altar Guild for May                      Minerva Moreland (410-741-5282)  
 Friendship Hour                      Psalm 19 Zone (Bonnie Dean)  
 Stephen Ministry Coordinator                      Paula Madden 443-262-2635 (C)  
 Pastor                      Rev. Wayne Chung 443.646.5653  
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# FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 7, 2017  
 8:30 a.m. Worship Service



**Our Mission**                      : “Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends.  
    Love All; Serve All; Follow One!”

**Our Motto**                      : “Each One, Reach One!”