

West Market Street United Methodist Church



April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

Silent Meditation

Do we, like sheep, know our Shepherd's voice?

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Dominus Regit Me” (The King of Love My Shepherd Is)

Peter Pindar Stearns

ENTRANCE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, we gather to worship and to listen, to learn the sound, the feel,
the cadence of the Shepherd's voice.

We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

We gather to worship and to discern,
to learn how to recognize our Shepherd's voice
amidst the chaos and noise of our lives.

We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

We gather to worship and to find shelter,
to learn to trust our Shepherd's voice to guide us to safety
and provide for us in all things.

We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus Who guides us,
protects us, provides for us, and draws us together in community.

**We come to worship as the family of Christ,
a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice. Amen.**

1. **The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never, I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.**
2. **Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**
5. **Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth.**
6. **And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.**

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1868 (Psalm 23)

† COLLECT

**Loving Shepherd, You know our names; You care for us.
May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.**

Adapted from Mary Petrina Boyd and posted on Ministry Matters.

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**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Text: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th century

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PROCLAMATION

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH OF SLOANNE PETERSEN, CHILDREN’S MINISTRY INTERN

Eternal God, You hold the times and seasons, endings and beginnings, in Your hands. Bless Sloanne, who now enters a new time of life. We give You thanks for tasks accomplished, for the joys and pains woven into the fabric of her time with us. Give Sloanne the guidance of Your Holy Spirit. May fears and uncertainties about the future be transformed into quiet confidence. May each day be received as a sacred trust and lived to Your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN: *After the Children’s Message, join us in singing*

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“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care; in Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Text: attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836 (John 10: 1-29)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for His name's sake. 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 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.

The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

SERMON: “The Lord Our Shepherd” **The Reverend Dr. Otto D. Harris III**

RESPONSE

RESPONSIVE ANTHEM: “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

arr. Mack Wilberg

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His Name; in pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake His ways, and leads me for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay; one word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away, Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may Thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, no more a stranger nor a guest; but like a child at home.

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† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Spring Bursts Today”

Alfred Fedak

*Spring bursts today, for Christ is risen and all the earth's at play. Flash forth, thou Sun, the rain is over and gone, its work is done. Winter is past, sweet Spring is come at last, is come at last. Bud, Fig, and Vine, Olive, fat with fruit and oil and wine. Break forth this morn in roses, thou but yesterday a Thorn. Uplift thy head, O pure white Lily through the Winter dead. Beside your dame leap and rejoice, you merry-making Lambs. All Herds and Flocks rejoice, all Beasts of thickets and of rocks. Sing, Creatures, sing, Angels and Men and Birds and everything.
All notes of Doves fill all our world: this is the time of loves.*

Text: Christina Rossetti

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, Whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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SENDING FORTH

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I Who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? REFRAIN: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? REFRAIN
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? REFRAIN

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† BENEDICTION

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

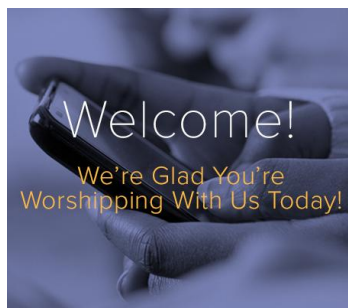
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Our Service of Worship is ended. Let our worship through service begin.

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