

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

APRIL 17, 2016

9:00 am

(* Please Stand as Able

Bold Print - Please Say In Unison

Easter is not just one Sunday – Easter is a season of 50 days. It begins on Easter Sunday and continues for seven full weeks. This seven-week cycle is known historically as the Great Fifty Days or the Week of Weeks. During this time, the church celebrates the Lord’s resurrection, His appearances to the disciples after Easter, His post-resurrection teachings, His ascension into heaven, and the disciples’ eager anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We are Easter People who celebrate God’s love for us during this season and remember whose we are.

WELCOME -Please sign the Pew Pad & pass it to the next person

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lamb of God, Twila Paris
Nancy Dickinson, Organist/Keyboard

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come to worship the Good Shepherd. Seek his guiding presence, listen for his voice calling to you, serve and obey him.

P: I come as member of this community of God’s people. We support one another in love, we encourage and serve each other with compassion, and we find strength here for the week ahead.

*OPENING PRAYER

With joy we come this day to the house of the Lord. God provides for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away. God is faithful. Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us that we may become faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. AMEN.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UMH #381

READING FROM ACTS OF THE APOSTLES –

THE STORY OF THE EARLY CHURCH Acts 9:36-43

CALL TO CONFESSION

In trust, let us call upon God’s holy name, confess our sin, And receive forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah—we know you by many names, Lord. Your presence fills our lives—all that we are and all that we have comes from you; all that you do declares your love for us. Yet when trouble comes, when adversity plagues us, we wonder where you are; we even wonder who you are. How quickly we forget that you are always with us. Dispel our gloom and despair. Change our garments of darkness into robes of dazzling light. Spread your table before us, and feed us from your hand. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even in the darkest valley, though death’s shadow may threaten us, we need not fear, for the Lord is with us. God will comfort and shelter us. No harm will come to us. No one can snatch us out of the Lord’s hand. God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

HYMN

How Great Thou Art

UMH #77

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

John 10:22-30

MESSAGE

“My Responsibility as a Sheep”

*HYMN

The Summons

TFWS#2130

OFFERTORY

Come and Find a Quiet Center, Shirley Erena Murray

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” UMH # 94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION – Gracious and Loving God, You gave everything to bring us the promise of eternal life. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all we have, may all we do, and all we are, testify to your amazing care and compassion. In gratitude and love, we offer ourselves to you. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING/HOLY COMMUNION

UMH #9

*HYMN

Easter People Raise Your Voices

UMH #304

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Heavenly Sunlight,

George Harrison Cook, arr. Mark Hayes

Please remain seated until the Postlude has ended.

Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to join us for coffee and friendship following this worship service in Fellowship hall – downstairs below the Sanctuary.

Our Mission is:
"To Make Christ Known"

Our Church serves our community and the world, by realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to all people. Our Church is a place where love is present, hurts are healed, joys and concerns are shared and supported by prayer.

WE WELCOME YOU!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are glad you are here! Please complete the information in our Friendship Book (black folder) located at the end of the pew along the center aisle. Our Worship Services are 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday and 6:00 PM Wednesday Night in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a potluck supper at 5:30 PM.

CHILD CARE

Children's Church is celebrated at the 9:00 AM Service. Children from pre-school through 3rd Grade attend the beginning of Service than leave with Barb Gausman after the Prayers of the People and Time with the Children. Younger and older Children are encouraged to sit in Worship with their family. There are cloth bags in the back of the sanctuary with crayons and activities and also a basket of small toys for your child to use if they remain in the Sanctuary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kid's Club, Christian Education for Children, Kindergarten through 6th Grade, takes place on Wednesday Nights from 6-7 during the school year in Classroom 203. A Pre-school class is also available in the Nursery across the Hall from the Kid's Club Room.

COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am worship service and prior to the 10:30 am worship service, for coffee and snacks. This is a great time to greet visitors and connect with your church family.

HOW TO REACH US

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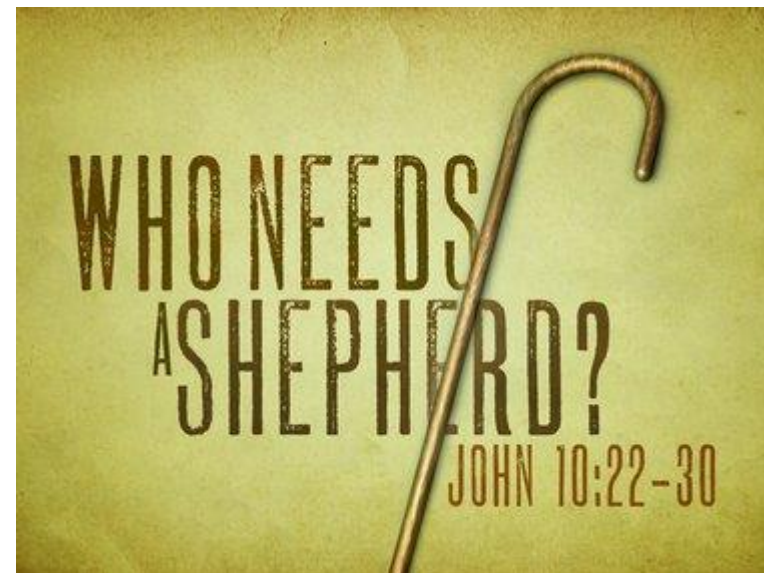
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To make an appointment with Pastor Barb, call her at 608.931.6804

Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and they follow me.



9:00 AM Worship Service
April 17, 2016

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