

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

APRIL 17, 2016

10:30 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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**     *We’re Gonna Need a Bigger Boat*                     Steven Zych

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Awake! Rise up!

**P: There is much to be done in the Lord’s Name today.**

L: Get ready to worship and to serve God.

**P: We are ready to hear God’s word for us and to respond in action and love.**

L: Open your hearts to God’s will this day.

**P: Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us. AMEN.**

### 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

**SONG**                             *Movin On*     SB#106

**RESPONSIVE READING**                     **PSALM 23**     **UMH P. 754**

#### RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE PSALM

O Lord, help us to move beyond the “sampler” prayer so often found printed on pillows, on wall hangings: "The Lord is my Shepherd." Help us to understand what those words truly mean, O Lord. You are the one who holds our lives, guides our steps, comforts and sustains

us.; yet you know that our lives will not be smooth; there will be rough times. We can count on you, Lord. We can place our trust in you. Help us to feel the power of the Psalmist’s words: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me." Nothing can trouble, nothing can threaten. You are with us. As we reach out in love and service to others, remind us that the work we do in your name, with love and compassion, is an echo of your tender mercy and loving care. Strengthen us and give us enthusiasm to follow the Shepherd all the days of our lives. AMEN.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not fear! You can place your trust in the God, for God will lead you, comfort you, protect you. You are not alone to face all the difficulties of life. God is with you and will lift you up. Rejoice, for you are loved by God.

**SONG**                             *He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands*     SB#30

**THE GOSPEL OF LUKE**                             John 10:22-30

**MESSAGE**                             “My Responsibility as a Sheep”

**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

**SONG**     *Innocent Lamb*     SB #84

### \*SENDING FORTH

**POSTLUDE**     *Someday*     SB #150

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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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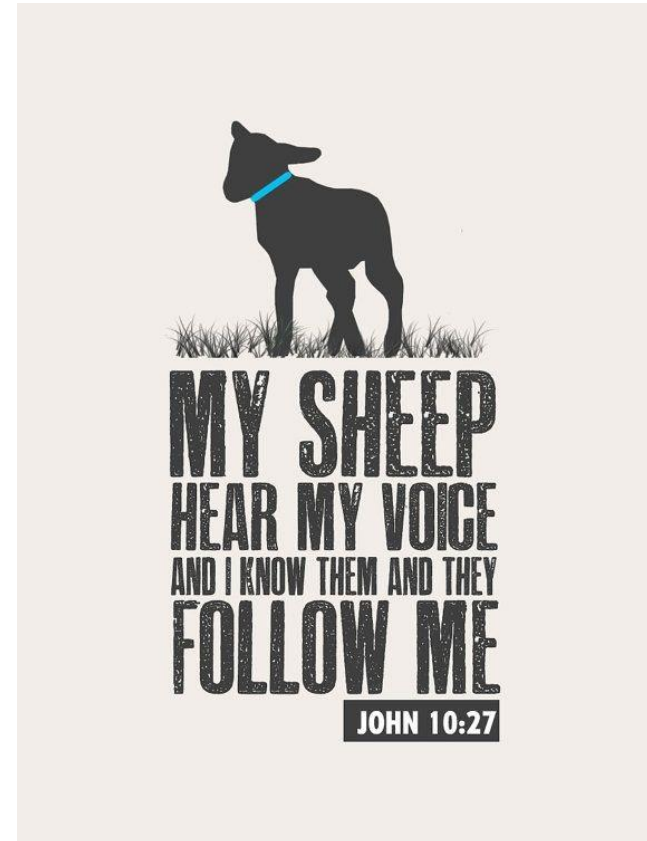
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To make an appointment with Pastor Barb, call her at 608.931.6804

## *Fourth Sunday of Eastertide*



*10:30 AM Worship Service*

*April 17, 2016*

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