

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



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***Fourth Sunday
of Easter***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Pratt

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Our Lord is the Good Shepherd. In his goodness he supplies our every need.

People: The Lord is our Shepherd, and he takes perfect care of us.

Leader: Our Lord is the Good Shepherd. He leads us into safety and gives us strength for the journey.

People: The Lord is our Shepherd who grants us rest and restores our souls.

Leader: Our Lord is the Good Shepherd. He sought us out when we were lost, calling us by our names.

People: The Lord is our Shepherd, and he has carried us home. Amen.

***HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of all the sheep, those who remain close to you and those who stray, those who are always faithful and those who are lost, be with us today.

Help us take a look at our lives and our relationship with you. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Diane Horn

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

***OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

OT #474

Psalm 23

SERMON "Who Is Your Shepherd?"

Bill Rose

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

UMH #881

"The Apostles' Creed"

PRAYER

Rev. Meegian Gossard

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Choir

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

UMH #128

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN RESPONSE

"Let the Church Say Amen"

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor's card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

On Monday, May 1, the UMM and UWF will have their annual combined meeting at 6:30 in the CLC. Dinner will served. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Faye Stephens.

The spring yard sale is this weekend. We are looking for volunteers to help move items into the CLC after worship today. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up throughout the week and during the sale. For more information contact Vie Swindler or Jane Massey.

Don't forget our annual tradition of finding something at the yard sale to wear to church next Sunday.

We are looking for volunteers to help with children's moment during worship. If you are interested, please contact Diane Horn.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, May 1

6:30 UMM and UWF - CLC

Wednesday, May 3

5:45 Choir Practice - Choir Room

Friday, May 5

8:00 - 1:00 Spring Yard Sale - CLC

Saturday, May 6

8:00 - 1:00 Spring Yard Sale - CLC

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday School classes:

Crossroads SS Class meets via Zoom at 9am
Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

Pathfinder SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the
parlor in the Education Building.

Children's SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the
nursery in the Education building.

HEARING DEVICES

If you would like to use a hearing assistance device, please see an usher for assistance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the book found on the podium located at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins. Pastor Meegian will lift them up for prayer during worship.

2023 FINANCES

2023 Budget = \$229,008.00

Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,404.00

Received for General Budget on 04/23/23 = \$2495.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$56,953.00

We are excited to have you in our worship service today. We love that the walls of our building do not limit the impact of our ministry and have a wonderful community joining us today virtually. As such, we would like to remind all in attendance that your presence in our worship service indicates your approval that you and all minors you represent being recorded for our digital usage. This includes, but is not limited to, your image, name, and involvements in today's services.