

# **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 3, 2020  
10:00 am**



**The Good Shepherd**

**16th century painting by Philippe de Champagne**

## **First United Methodist Church**

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Rev. Tom Steffen

**hospitality +++ blessing +++ service**

**Welcome to this celebration of resurrection hope.**  
The Sundays of Easter are the most joyful days in the Christian calendar  
and continue to proclaim that the evidence of a living Christ is  
“not an empty grave, but a spirit-filled fellowship,  
not a rolled-away stone, but a carried-away church.”

PRELUDE

Kristin Quigley Brye

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the presence of the Christ who like a shepherd loves and leads us.

**All: Blessed Jesus: We will early turn to you.**

One: Keep your flock, O Christ, from sin defend us, and seek us when we go astray.

**All: Blessed Jesus: Hear, O hear us, when we pray.**

One: You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse us, and power to free.

**All: Blessed Jesus: You have loved us, love us still.**

HYMN

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

No. 138

PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray.

**All: Gentle Shepherd, we quiet ourselves in this sacred moment to rest in the mystery that you are. Your grace is like green pastures and fresh water that satisfies our hunger and thirst. Even in the face of difficult times, your Spirit strengthens and restores us. Remind us often that you are especially near when we walk through dark valleys, for your desire is to be our dwelling place in every situation. Lead us in this hour of prayer, for we pray in the name of the risen Lord. Amen.**

PSALM

Psalm 23

*New Revised Standard Version*

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Acts 2:42-47 NRSV**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

**Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.**

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**John 10:1-10 NRSV**

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.



**So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.**

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: Let us unite in this confession of faith:

**All: We believe in God who works in the hidden stillness of every dawn; who beckons us to visit the tomb of our fears, in order to discover the birth of hope.**

**We believe in Jesus, the risen Christ, who meets us on every path; who calms our fears and invites us, to walk and talk as children of the Light.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gathers us into a kindred community; who works through the lame and the late, the wrinkled and the newborn, the hurting and the hopeful; who nudges our prayers, kindles our longings, and prompts our praise.**

**We believe we are called to be Easter people who can live joyfully even in the midst of difficult realities. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sung: *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 with out end. Amen. Amen.*

SERMON

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CHORUS

“Lord, Be Glorified”

TFWS, No. 2150

Piano introduces. Congregation sings twice.

***“In our prayers, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our prayers, Lord, be glorified today.”***

~ Silence ~

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

## RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Prayer of Blessing and Offertory

Doxology

No. 95

## HYMN

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

No. 381

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SONG OF BENEDICTION

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.*

## POSTLUDE

Kristin Quigley Brye

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**Juli and I invite you to join us at 11:15 AM for a Coffee/Tea Gathering via Zoom after Sunday's worship service. Let's begin May with this added feature to our new life together. Perhaps in June we may be sharing coffee and tea in the Parlor or Social Hall, but until then, fix your own drink and let's gather electronically this Sunday.**

**Below, please find the invitation to join the Zoom meeting on Sunday. Thanks for trying this new way of staying connected. [Telephones work, too.]**

**Blessings,**

**Tom and Juli (and Sydney)**

Topic: Coffee/Tea Gathering

Time: May 3, 2020 11:15 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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