



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

May 3, 2020
4th Sunday of Easter

Our Vision is to Know, to Live and to Share the Love of Jesus Christ.

Livestream Worship – 9:30am

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

1 Peter 2:25 (The Message)

You were lost sheep with no idea who you were or where you were going. Now you're named and kept for good by the Shepherd of your souls.

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Ahyoung Son, piano

W. Runyan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 23

The Gubitz Family

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures;

The Lord leads me beside still waters;

The Lord restores my soul.

The Lord leads me in right paths.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil.

You, O Lord, are with me. Your rod and 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.

Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH 381, vv. 1, 2 & 4

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

We are thine, thou dost befriend us,

be the guardian of our way;

keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Verse 4

Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our Shepherd and our Guide, you bring us comfort and abundance; you lead us through dark valleys; you restore our souls. And yet, O God, we wander aimlessly, like sheep who only listen to the voices of strangers. Help us to put our trust in you and you alone. Comfort us in our times of fear. Protect us from the evil that surrounds us. Relieve us of the worries and anxieties that close our ears, eyes and hearts from hearing your voice. Remind us of the blessings of our abundance, so that we may freely share of our overflowing cups with neighbors, strangers and even enemies. Return our hearts to you and grant us the grace, forgiveness and mercy that surely follows us forever. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear these words of assurance, "In the presence of the Lord there is fullness of joy; in God's hand are pleasures forevermore." (Psalm 16:11) Christ gave his life, so that we might know the joy and pleasure of new and abundant life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MOMENTS OF JOY

Pastor Heather

SPECIAL MUSIC

Fairest Lord Jesus
Paula Castiglia & Grace Hisey, vocals
Chris Hisey, strings
Heather Hisey, flute

S. Volkslieder
arr. R. S. Willis

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10

Mary Jo Kinser

10 "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. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They

will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.”⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

SERMON

“All I Need”

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER *You are invited to pray in the version and language of your heart.*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

UMH 138

Verse 1

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Verse 2

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Verse 3

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

Verse 4

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Verse 5

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;

and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

Verse 6

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Ahyoung Son, piano

J. Ellor

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To Know the love of Jesus in personal ways through worship, prayer and study
To Live the love of Jesus through acts of compassion, gentleness and justice
To Share the love of Jesus in our homes, our community and the world
To Welcome all of God's children regardless of age, race, ability,
sexual or gender orientation, and economic circumstance.

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