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*“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”*



**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 30, 2023  
8:25 a.m. Daymark Worship**

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# Daymark Worship

Gathering Prayer and Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Prayer

Song of Preparation "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Terri Boykin

Greeting

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

We tend to stray from God's loving ways. We need a shepherd.

[*Choir and Congregation*]: **"Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way." (WSS #3096; 1st phrase)**

We are hungry and thirsty, empty, and fearful.

[*Choir and Congregation*]: **"Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way. Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day." (WSS #3096; 1st & 2nd phrases)**

Who can we turn to who will help us each and every day?

**Where will we find someone to bring us to the peaceful waters and the pleasant pastures?**

[*Everyone*]: **"Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way. Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day. There's no other we can turn to who can help us face another day; gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way." (FWS #3096)**

\*Hymn UMH #381 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

\*Opening Prayer of Confession

**Patient and Loving Shepherd, you know how easy it is for us to stray. We wander off, get distracted, and find ourselves moving away from you. Forgive us, we pray. Heal our brokenness and our fears. Remind us again that you lead us in gentle paths and by quiet waters – when the paths are stony and the waves tumultuous, help us to remember your protection and your care. Help us to extend that same love and care to others, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

Just when we think we can go no further, Jesus the Good Shepherd calls to us, bringing us safely into the fold of Grace and Mercy. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

\*The Peace (*As forgiven & reconciled people, let us show one another signs of reconciliation & love.*)

First Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Bobbi Edge

Psalm 23 UMH #137

Open Altar, Open Heart (*As "Call to Prayer" is sung, all are invited to come to the altar for morning prayer led by a Pastor.*)

Call to Prayer "Shepherd Me, O God"

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

\*The Apostles' Creed UMH #881

\*Gloria Patri UMH #71

Children's Celebration

"Jesus Loves Me" (UMH#191) (*Sung as the children come forward*)

Anthem "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

\*Gospel John 10:1-10

Sermon "How Long Will You Keep Us in Suspense?"

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "Easter Alleluia"

\*Doxology UMH #94

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn W&S #3031 "God Leads Us Along"

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude "Christ Is Alive" Terri Boykin

\* Please stand as you are able.