

**April 21, 2024**

Welcome and Announcements:

David Tom

Music to Prepare Our Hearts:

Michael Snyder

**“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

*Lowell Mason, arr. by Cindy Berry*

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Call to Worship: \*

Anita Thompson

L: Come, walk with the Lord this day.

**P: We seek places of peace and rest from the stresses of our lives.**

L: The Shepherd will lead you to places where your soul may be restored.

**P: We come, sometimes fearful of the hostilities of the world.**

L: In the midst of all the turmoil, The Shepherd will provide for your needs abundantly.

**P: Surely these wonders will heal and restore our spirits. AMEN.**

Opening Hymn: \*

**“Lead on O King Eternal”**

**UMH #580**

Opening Prayer \*

Anita Thompson

**Come, all who are weary and need rest. Come, all who thirst for the springs that well up to eternal life. Come, all who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Lift up your prayers to our shepherd—the one who leads us through the shadow of death, the one who leads us into life. Amen**

A Time of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Pastor Philip

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. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading #1: John 10:11-18

Anita Thompson

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Scripture Reading #2: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will 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 your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God**

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

Message: "The Good Shepherd" Pastor Philip

We Share Our Gifts Pastor Philip

Music During Offering:

Susie McCord

**“There’s Something About that Name”**

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Doxology: \*

UMH #95

**“Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow”**

Closing Hymn: \*

**“His Name is Wonderful”**

**UMH #174**

Benediction:

Music for Going Forth:

Michael Snyder

**“Christ Arose”**

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**\*Please stand as you are able**

**Special Note:** The flowers today are given by Nancy January in remembrance of Ken January