



**April 26, 2026**

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line,  
know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow  
Jesus Christ.

**Prelude**

**Remembering our Baptism**

**Cheryl Sawyer**

**\*Call to Worship**

Easter people, we gather to worship and to listen, to learn the sound, the feel, the cadence of the  
Shepherd's voice.

**We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.**

We gather to worship and to discern, to learn how to recognize our Shepherd's voice amidst the chaos and  
noise of our lives.

**We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.**

We gather to worship and to find shelter, to learn to trust our Shepherd's voice to guide us to safety and  
provide for us in all things.

**We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.**

Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus who guides us, protects us, provides for us, and  
draws us together in community.

**We come to worship as the family of Christ, a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice.  
Amen.**

**\*Hymn: They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love TFWS 2223**

**\*Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness UMH 140**

**First Lesson Psalm 23 UMH 754**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,**

Leads me beside still waters, restores my life.

**Leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord's name.**

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 as long as I live.**

## **Word for Children**

**Second Lesson**

**Acts 2:38-47**

**CEB**

**Message for the Lord's Day**

**Reverend Deborah Coble**

**\*Response to the Word**

**Gloria Patri**

**UMH 70**

**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 without end, Amen. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

**Lord of the Dance (V 1, 3, 4, 5)**

**UMH 261**

## **Prayers of the People**

After each petition, there will be a pause for silent prayer.

After Pastor says "Lord in your mercy" ALL reply "hear our prayers."

Together, let us pray for the people of this congregation...

for those who are suffering...

for those who don't know where their next meal will come from and those who are seeking shelter...

for our troops, police, EMTs, firefighters,

and others in harm's way...

for the earth you have given to our care...

for the Church universal; its leaders, its members,

and mission...

for the communion of saints...

for peace and goodwill to all...

## **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.**

## **Mission And Ministry Moment**

### **Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings**

#### **\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,**

**Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

#### **\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Faithful Shepherd, who calls us by name, you invite us into a life that is rich in meaning, deep in joy, and bold in compassion. You speak, and we long to follow—although the world is noisy and the path unclear.**

**In this moment of offering, we quiet our hearts to listen again. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in you. May they be used to bring abundance to others, to feed the hungry, to strengthen the lost, and to proclaim your voice of love.**

**In coming and going, in worship and service, make us more like Christ, in whose name we give and pray. Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time  
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.  
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,**

and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.  
**Amen.**

**\*Hymn God Be with You Til We Meet Again (vs 1&3) UMH 672**