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The Beach Church Podcast

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 26, 2026**

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**Welcome**

**Call to Worship (John 10:1-10)**

Leader: Truly, the Shepherd calls to His own sheep by name.

**People: We hear His voice and follow Him.**

Leader: He leads us out and goes before us.

**People: We trust His words and walk in His ways.**

Leader: He is the gate for the sheep.

**People: Through Him we find safety and rest.**

Leader: Others may come with empty promises.

**People: But we listen for the voice of our Shepherd.**

Leader: He came that we may have life—

**People: And have it abundantly!**

**All: We enter His presence with joy, following the Good Shepherd. Amen.**

## Hymn

### Scripture Reading Psalm 23

23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

23:3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

23:4 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.

23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

23:6 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.

## Hymn

Sermon "With Me" Jim Coyl

### Pastoral Payer and the Lord's Prayer

## Hymn

### Benediction

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## A Simple Prayer Practice - Psalm 23

(Inspired by the teachings of Richard Rohr, especially *The Universal Christ*)

**Theme:** God is already with us. Prayer is learning to notice and receive that presence.

### How to Practice (5-10 minutes)

**1. Arrive** - Sit quietly and say:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing."

Let yourself rest in the truth that God is already here.

**2. Breathe** - With each breath:

Inhale: “You are with me” — Exhale: “I will not fear”

**3. Trust** - Bring to mind a concern and pray:  
“You lead me beside still waters... you restore my soul.”  
Release the need to control; allow God to guide.

**4. Remember** - In difficulty, repeat: “You are with me.”  
God does not always remove hardship, but abides with us within it.

**5. Rest** - Sit in silence with: “I dwell in the house of the Lord.”  
Receive this not as future hope, but present reality.

### **The Heart of the Practice**

Prayer is not reaching out to a distant God—it is awakening to the One who is already present.

## **Resurrecting Resurrection**

*An excerpt from a letter by: — Neal Watkins - Minister of Vision and Vitality  
Florida Conference, United Church of Christ*

Recently, Rev. Nayiri and I reflected on Lent and Easter, and I admitted something: Lent is easier for me. It gives me something to examine—inviting honesty, repentance, and naming what is unfinished. Easter, by contrast, can feel like a destination rather than a beginning.

It’s tempting to treat Easter as a brief interruption—something beautiful, but quickly behind us. We “circle back” to normal life, as if resurrection doesn’t change how we live.

But Easter also asks something of us. It invites us to notice where we expect disappointment more than renewal, where we see what is broken more readily than what is being made new.

Resurrection takes time. We recognize pain easily; hope requires attention. In a world attuned to crucifixion, we are called to look for quieter signs of life—courage, tenderness, and love that insist despair is not the final word.

Easter does not erase Good Friday. The risen Christ still bears scars. But resurrection declares that suffering does not have the last word.

So the work of this season is to keep “resurrecting” resurrection—to hold it in our attention, to resist moving on too quickly, and to watch for signs of new life.

Easter is not over. Thanks be to God.

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## **Daily Lectionary Readings**

**Monday, April 27, 2026:** Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5;

**Tuesday, April 28, 2026:** Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21;

**Wednesday, April 29, 2026:** Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28;

**Thursday, April 30, 2026:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15;

**Friday, May 01, 2026:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16;

**Saturday, May 02, 2026:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59;