

Offering/Doxology

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"Dear Heavenly Father"

Resounding Joy

Offertory Prayer

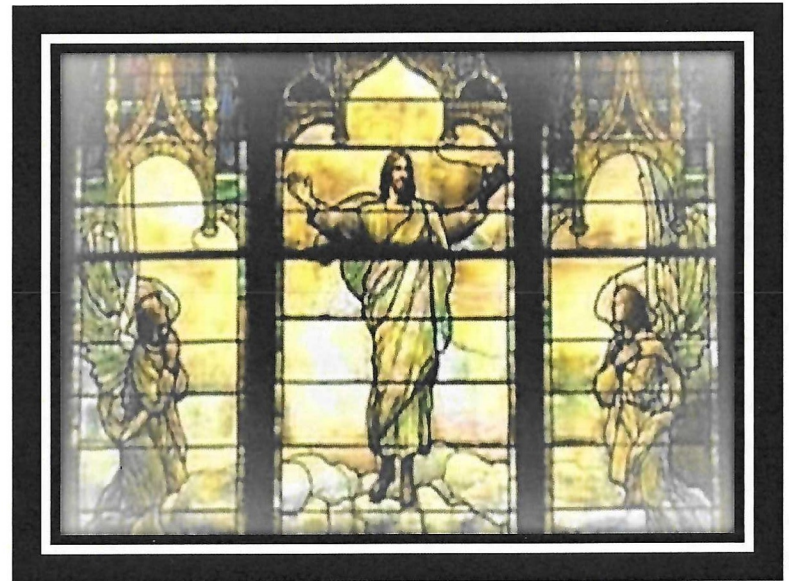
Passing the Peace

Hymn

"Seek Ye First"

UMH 405

Benediction



**GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

APRIL 26, 2026

301 Diamond Street, Fairmont WV 26554

Rev. Nici Masters, Pastor

Music Coordinator – Bev Slagle

Bell Choir Director – Val Huffman

April Head Usher – Jeff Erdie

Acolytes

Esme and Ollie Allen

Haeden and Kenslie Futton

Nora Rae Huffman

The Celebration of Worship

Order of Worship

Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

L: Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.

All: His voice, speaking our names, draws us to him.

L: We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.

All: Our hearts rejoice and we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd.

L: Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!

All: Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise!

Amen.

Opening Prayer

Lord, we are standing at the gate, O loving Shepherd, not sure about the journey. But you have called our names and in your voice we hear such love and certainty. Bring us safely on the journey and strengthen us that we may serve you in all that we do. Amen.

Hymn

"Trust and Obey"

UMH 454

Children's Chat

Donna Yearsley

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 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. 4 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. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 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.

Sermon Scripture

John 10:1-10

1 "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 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 listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

7 Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

Sermon

"The Good Shepherd of Life"

Rev. Nici Masters

Hymn

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

PRAYER REQUESTS

Faye Dodd, Rusty Freeland, Mary Beth Furbee, Carol Hall, Ezra Hall, Lisa Kerns, Jeff Kerns
Linda Lomicka, Charlotte Merriman, Sally Morrison, Dan Ross, Madalee Wilson

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 25 – GUMM Breakfast
April 28 – Finance Committee Meeting – 1pm
May 4 – Mary Priscilla Meeting – 4pm
May 9 – Car Show
May 10 – Mother's Day
May 16 – Garden Party
May 23 – GUMM
May 24 – Prayer Team Meeting
May 25 – Memorial Day – Office Closed

APRIL ATTENDANCE

April 5 – 104
April 12 – 71
April 19 – 85
April 26 –

If you would like to donate a cake for funeral dinners, Mary Priscilla Women will have a sign-up sheet on the table in the Welcome Room. Please sign the list. If you have any questions, please see any Mary Priscilla member. We appreciate your time and donation. Thank You!

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Loose Change/Food Pantry Collection

Loose change (coins only) – Honey Bag
Items for April – pancake mix/syrup
Items for May – peanut butter/jelly