

Welcome to  
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**Sunday Worship Service – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

April 21, 2024 10:30am

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me. John 10:14*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**He lays down his life for his sheep.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**He knows us, and we belong to him.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

We are your people O God, the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered.  
Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table;  
through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. **Amen.**

**HYMN**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” PH #171 v. 1,2,5,6

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us.  
But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts;  
and God’s deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace.  
Therefore let us confess our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us.  
**Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

We seek God’s grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE**

“Because He Lives” SPW #123

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

## ANTHEM

"Leaning On Everlasting Arms" SLUC Choir

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18

## SERMON

"All Called to Shepherd"  
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

## HYMN

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" PH#404

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" PH #428 v.1

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" PH #387

## CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## POSTLUDE