Date: April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

Eastertide Season

**Prayer of Preparation** Anne Osdieck

*The Good Shepherd knows his sheep and calls them each by name. They listen, they wait for the sound of his voice. We are so like them. O Jesus, Shepherd, we harken to hear you call us. Hold us in your arms awhile. Then help us take your unconditional love
––the lay-down-your-life kind of love that you got from your Father–– and wrap it around us and into the lives of all people everywhere.*

**Gathering in the Presence of God**

*\*Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

**Gathering Music**  *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* GTG 803

**Minute 4 Mission** Pictorial Directory Silvia Ritchie

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** (responsively) Liturgist

Can you hear the voice of God?
 **We hear God calling us by name.**
Are you troubled or distressed?
 **We come here to find a place to rest for awhile.**
Come and find a guide who knows these lands.
 **We come to praise our Shepherding God,** **whose pathways and doors**

 **lead to life.**

**\*Hymn**  *God Is Calling through the Whisper* GTG 410

**Confessing Our Separation from God** (unison) Liturgist

Faithful Shepherd, we confess we have gone astray. We have followed the hired hands. We have listened to the silver tongues that have promised us wealth and power. We have ignored the needs of our fellow sheep and certainly the sheep that know Your voice in far-off places. Call us back from the paths that lead to ruin. Call us back to Your green pastures and still waters. Journey with us in the valley of the shadow of death, steering us away from the dead-ends of this world’s many paths, and instead into the way that leads to life in You. In the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness** *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close;

Closer, Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey.

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**We Hear God’s Word**

**Prayer of Illumination** Liturgist

**Gospel Lesson** John 10:11-18 Liturgist

*Source: New International Version (NIV)*

**Anthem** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* GTG 187

**Reflection** Whose Voice are You Listening To

**We Respond to God’s Word**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus* Marc Nelson

**Prayers of the People of God**: Joys and Hopes

**The Act of Gratitude**

**Offertory** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* GTG 724

**\*Doxology:** GTG 606

*Tune: Old Hundredth Louis Bourgeois*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all people hear below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison) Liturgist

As we offer our gifts to you, Gentle Shepherd, may we lay down our prejudices towards others, so they might find a welcome in our hearts; may we set aside our fears of the future, so you might lead us into your future, may we become the goodness and mercy for which others have been looking all their lives.  This we pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.

**We Follow God’s Word into the World**

**\*Hymn** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* GTG 543

 *O Christ, Surround Me*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *O God, You Are My God* GTG 743

Next Week’s Liturgist: Karen Palermo

**WORSHIP TEAM**

Pastor Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Marylea Franz

Ushers: Greg Estes and Jim Miller

Music: Art Henry

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 3 - JUNE 12@ 10AM** - **ADULT ED BIBLE STUDY: “Picturing Scripture” with Alan Keohane** is an engaging online Bible Study To join the class, go to: westminster-rehoboth.org and click “view live stream".

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21 @ 10am – SUNDAY SERVICE WITH FELLOWSHIP:**

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service for a Potluck lunch. Please bring your favorite dish, buy a dish or make a donation to for fellowship.

See the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to participate or sponsor one of the lunches.

**SATURDAY, MAY 4 @ 10am – 12pm - NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME
in our Fellowship Hall**, light refreshments will be provided. Please join Pastor Eddie and Session Members for an introduction and information discussion for new members. Reception of New Members will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY: SUMMER CALENDAR**

Dear Church Family:

The Session discussed and endorsed a recommendation by the Fellowship Team to modify our Sunday menu due to:

1. Parking restrictions that are time sensitive beginning May 15 through Sept. 15 at the height of the tourist season. Many of you may recall that **we have been granted an extension of time by two hours from 10a.m. to 12noon for worship and fellowship.** At 12 noon the vehicles without a city parking pass will be subject to a ticket.  To prevent being ticketed, please put a previous church bulletin or other church published notice on your car dashboard.

2. Fellowship is an important part of our church ministry. We want to continue this meaningful time and will offer a lighter menu to include some of the following: cookies, cupcakes, pastry, fresh fruit plus a gluten free option. Coffee, tea, and water will be available along with iced tea or lemonade on occasion.

Our Fellowship time together will be shorter over the summer but we will be good faith partners with the City Fathers so our visitors can enjoy Rehoboth as we know it.

Thank you for your support.

The Fellowship Team

***REMEMBER IN PRAYER***

**HAPPY 97TH BIRTHDAY TO OUR BELOVED SARAH ORTOLANI!** Our precious Sister in Christ, **Sarah Ortolani**, is celebrating her 97th birthday.  May God continue to bless her with good health and a sharp mind.  Her sweet smile and kind temperament is a blessing to everyone who is fortunate enough to know her.

**Gail Tannenbaum, Wendy Walker’s**’ partner is recovering at home from successful eye surgery. Praise God for his faithfulness and the good outcome for Gail.

**Marlene Quinn** was scheduled for surgical repair of her left knee this week. We pray for Our Lord’s blessings of a good surgical result and a steady return to full function.

**Barbara Miller**, **Hull Mclean’s** wife is at Beebe Hospital with a broken shoulder.

*Surgery and Post-Surgery:*

**Jerry Brock** (brother-in-law of Nancy

 Brock)

**Lou Geibel** (friend and neighbor of

 Linda Crowe)

**Mable Granke**

**Cheryl Hopple**

**Melanie** (friend of Charlotte Jacobs)

**Nathan McElroy,** (great-grandson of

 Mable Granke)

**Hull McLean**

**Betty Jean Schwartz**

*Mourning/Grief*

**Christopher Coyle** (friend of Jim Miller)



We will be adding photos to the Member & Friends Directory for anyone who would like to have their photo included. Please email your photo to Melissa (melissa\_schrock@consultant.com) OR we will be available to take photos on April 21 directly following worship during fellowship hour.

If you would like to schedule a different time to have your photo taken, please contact Silvia at silaxritchie@gmail.com

**Please send in any updates to address, email, or phone number**