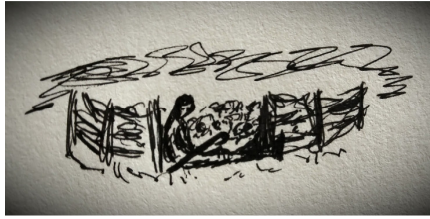


Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

Theme: The sheep and the shepherd



**“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11**

## GATHERING

*Prelude:* “Precious Lord, Take My Hand with In Christ Alone” Anna Laura Page

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

LEADER: GOD, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.

**People: You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from.**

LEADER: True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

**People: Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side.**

LEADER: Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

**People: You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies.**

LEADER: You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.

**People: Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.**

LEADER: I'm back home in the house of GOD for the rest of my life.

\*Hymn #187 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (see download)

Litany of Praise

Ezekiel 34:11, 13b-18

Leader: For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land.

**People: I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land.**

Leader: There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

**People: I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays.**

Leader: I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

\*Prayer of the Day (*including the Ecumenical Lord's Prayer*) - unison

**Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:**

**“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.” AMEN.**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Anthem:*

“Rain Down”

arr. John Carter

(see insert)

Scripture: John 10:1-10

Sermon: **“The Good Shepherd or the Shepherd Who Scatters?”**

\*Hymn: #803 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” (see download)

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Thank You, God, for sending Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who searches for us when we are lost, who strengthens us when we are weak, who protects us from our enemies, who binds up our wounds. Thank you for loving us by giving us grace and forgiveness. Take these small tokens of tithes and offerings so it may be a blessing to you and your kingdom. In Jesus name, AMEN.**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Offer the “wave of peace” to those around you or greet those you comfortably can)*

\*Hymn: #418 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” (see download)

\*Benediction

May the Lord bless you with the knowledge of knowing that Jesus is our Good Shepherd, who protects us and binds up our wounds.

Postlude “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” Mary MacDonald

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who are able, please stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

**Prayers of the Congregation**

**Prayer Family this week: Mark & Barbara Andrews**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in appreciation of the inspirational music, time and dedication of Dianne Yuninger, Karen Homsher, and the Chancel & Bell Choirs.**

**Thank you!  
Given by Sue Funk**

Today is the last day for donations to the **Lancaster Council of Churches Clothing Drive**. Please place your bagged or boxed items in the Narthex.

There will be **no Chancel Choir** rehearsal this morning.

**PNC** meets Monday at 6:30

The **Mission Committee** meets at 6:30 this Thursday.

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