



April 26, 2026
 Goodh Shepherd Sunday
 The Reverend Jenny Anderson

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**All who are able, standing*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

After the gathering, a bell will ring to signal the beginning of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

* HYMN

136 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Crimond

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
 He makes me down to lie in pastures green;
 he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again,
 and me to walk doth make within the paths
 of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
 yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
 and they rod and staff me comfort still**

**My table thou hast furnished
 in presence of my foes; my head thou dost
 with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
 shall surely follow me; and in God's house
 Forevermore my dwelling place shall be.**

* GREETING

The king of love my shepherd is,
 whose goodness faileth never
**Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.**

* OPENING PRAYER

Holy Shepherd,
 you know your sheep by name
 and lead us to safety through the valleys of death.
 Guide us by your voice,
 that we may walk in certainty and security
 to the joyous feast prepared in your house,
 where we celebrate with you forever. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory Be to the Father
**Glory be to the Father
 and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end.
 Amen. Amen.**

Meineke

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
 by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 that, as the Scriptures are read
 and your Word proclaimed,
 we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-47

New Testament p. 145, 146

PSALM

Psalm 23

All are invited to read in unison.

UMH p. 137

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul:
 he leadeth me I the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me
 in the presence of mine enemies:
 thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life:
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SOLO

God is My Shepherd

Anton Dvorak

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

* GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:1-10

New Testament p. 126

SERMON

Good Shepherd

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SOLO

Give Me Jesus

arr. Moses Hogan

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH p. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 the third day he rose from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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 trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

The Lord is My Shepherd

Howard Goodall

* DOXOLOGY

94 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Laast uns Erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

138 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

**1 *all* The King of love my shepherd is,
 whose goodness faileth never.
 I nothing lack if I am his,
 and he is mine forever.**

**2 *all* Where streams of living water flow,
 my ransomed soul he leadeth;
 and where the verdant pastures grow,
 with food celestial feedeth.**

**3 *trebles* Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
 but yet in love he sought me;
 and on his shoulder gently laid,**

and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 *men* In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5 *all* Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 *all* And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach

Ministry of Worship

Preacher	Reverend Jenny Anderson
Liturgist	Jim Garvey
Lay Reader	Chip Matson
Greeters	Alison Wright, Sherry Howard, Ulrike Arntz
Ushers	Nick Anderson, Roger Carpenter
Acolyte	Rowyn Scritchfield
Crucifer	Annabelle Quattlebaum
Organist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Pianist	Larry Millen
Choir	The St. John Choir
Soloists	Courtney Kalbacker, Jamal Bogan
Offering Counter	Chip Matson
Worship Technicians	Donald Tilton, Adam Kuehl

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Weekly Stewardship	
2026 Budget	\$631,305
Weekly Giving	\$15,659
YTD Giving	\$132,364
YTD Other Income	\$43,105
YTD Expenses	\$204,119
Attendance 4/19	Sanctuary: 100 Online: 55

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