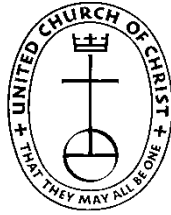


May 7, 2017 – 10:00 am
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs"

Edward Broughton

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on Psalm 23

One: Our shepherd invites us to this time of worship;
our God leads us be refreshing waters.

**MANY: As we share our lives with one another
our souls are restored.**

One: God leads us in paths of righteousness
and adds to our company day by day.

**MANY: We would devote ourselves to the gospel and
remember one another in our prayers.**

One: God supplies our daily bread for both body and soul.

**MANY: We will partake of physical and spiritual food
with glad and generous hearts.**

One: Remember the One in whose name we worship,
Jesus Christ, who died amidst the world's suffering.

**ALL: Christ came that all might have an abundant life;
We acknowledge and rejoice in this gift.**

OPENING HYMN: NCH #252

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**Lead us now, O God, through the maze of our
existence, as you led your people long ago. Keep us from
resisting your words of wisdom or shrinking from the
challenges of discipleship. Call us by name and show us the
pathways you would have us travel. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

*GLORIA: #759

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

SECOND TESTAMENT READINGS: Acts 2:42-47
and 1 Peter 2:19-25 Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:1-10 Pastor Rosemary

SERMON: "Safe in God's Fold" Pastor Rosemary

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: **NCH #342**

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

PASTORAL PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE: **NCH #774**

**Shepherd, lead, lead me in your righteousness,
make your way plain before my face. For it is you, God,
you, God only, who makes me to lie down in safety.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES,
BRINGING THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS TO THE TABLE

OFFERTORY:

*DOXOLOGY: # 780

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

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Remembering Jesus Christ, who bore our sins, we bring these tokens of our gratitude. We would die to sin and live righteously, in thanksgiving for Christ's sacrifice for us. May we as a church of generous and joyful people use these offerings in ways that reflect renewed discipleship. Amen.

*HOLY COMMUNION: NCH Page 16 All of selection B.
The Holy, Holy will be sung #790.

*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN: **NCH #347**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

DURING THE LAST VERSE OF THE HYMN THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED AND CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.

*BENEDICTION:

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: **NCH #812 Threefold Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen**

POSTLUDE:

FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP IN THE "L" ROOM
OFFERED BY THE EISENHAUER FAMILY



PRAYER LIST: *Today we lift up in prayer these families.*
Michael and Melinda Stidham.

And prayers for healing: Warren Crews, Gene Brown,
Darleen Bax, Alan Canterbury, Ardella Morris, Barbara
Moran, Russ Hartmann

Serving in Christ's Name:

Ministers – All members of St. John UCC

Participants in Today's Worship:

Pastor – Rev. Rosemary Captain

Minister of Music – Sharon Banjavcic

Liturgist – Jim Turnbull

Ushers - Melinda Stidham and Judy Schmitt