

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after Easter

**PRELUDE**                      *We Are God's People*                      J. Brahmas, arr. Bock

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**                      John Ranson

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, we gather to worship and to listen, to learn the sound, the feel, the cadence of the Shepherd's voice. We come seeking our Shepherd's voice. We gather to worship and to discern, to learn how to recognize our Shepherd's voice amidst the chaos and noise of our lives.

**We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.**

We gather to worship and to find shelter, to learn to trust our Shepherd's voice to guide us to safety and provide for us in all things.

**We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.**

Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus who guides us, protects us, provides for us, and draws us together in community.

**We come to worship as the family of Christ, a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice. Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**                      *"Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us"*                      UMH #381

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us.

When we face darkness and death, journey beside us.

When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence.

When we are fearful, feed us at your table.

May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

Adapted from Mary Petrina Boyd and posted on Ministry Matters,

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/>. Re-posted on the re: Worship blog at

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2015/04/opening-prayer- psalm-23.html>.

**CHILDREN'S TIME**                      Rise Against Hunger

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**                      Ezekiel 34:11 – 16, 20-34                      Frank Wickers

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**                      "What Mt Vernon UMC Means to Me"  
Frank Wickers

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**                      Pastor Penny

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

**SERMON**                      "Hearing the Shepherds Voice"                      Pastor Penny

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**                      Psalm 100                      UMH #821

### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

**OFFERTORY**                      *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*                      arr. J. Denton

**\*DOXOLOGY**                      UMH #95

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      *"I am Thine, Oh Lord"*                      UMH #419

### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

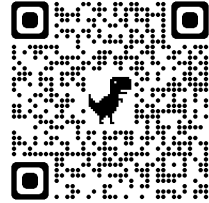
**POSTLUDE**                      *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*                      arr. H. Livingston

*\*Please stand as you are able*

The flowers were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Howard  
Dunn by Mary Lou, Hudson, & Richard Dunn & Linzy Dunn Ebel

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