

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2015 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

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## Welcome & Announcements

### \*Passing of the Peace

**Prelude** *Andante* Stanley

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Shepherding God, be with us to guide us in this time of worship.

**People: Help us to find rest and peace in your resurrection presence.**

Leader: Prepare our hearts and minds with joyous praise.

**People: Grant us mercy and grace, so that as we abide in your comforting love, we may flourish in grace and blossom into new and hope-filled persons.**

**\*Opening Hymn #381** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

### \*The Apostles' Creed #881

### \*Gloria Patri #70

### \*Centering Prayer

God, we have come together here this day to hear your Word. May we listen carefully and with discerning ears. Help us to be open and truly receptive. Lord God, we hope that your Great Spirit will come into our lives and help us to respond as we move into greater paths of ministry and compassionate service. We pray, too, that this time of worship will renew our spirits and re-energize our lives as we follow our risen Lord. In the Lord of resurrection, we pray. Amen.

**Anthem** *Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep* Rutter  
Sanctuary Choir; Max Bieryla, soloist

### Children's Message

**Psalter Reading** Psalm 23 Hymnal, Page 754

Leader: "The Word of God for the People of God." Response #2

People: "Thanks be to God."

### \*Hymn of Preparation #128

*He Leadeth Me*

**Sermon** "What Are You Listening For?" Rev. Bates  
Text: John 10:11-18 (NRSV)

### Pastoral Prayer

### Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer (#895)

**Offering & Offertory** *The Lord is My Shepherd* Trad. Spiritual  
*Mary Frances Bukva & Susan Hrbek, soloists*

### \*Doxology #94

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Let us give out of gratitude and not self-satisfaction. Let us give out of love, and rejoice that quietly and faithfully we are able to help another. Make it so, loving God. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn #419** *I Am Thine, O Lord*

### \*Benediction

**\*Postlude** *St. Fulbert* C. S. Lang

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*\*For those who are able, please stand*