



*“He calls his own sheep by name  
and leads them out”*

# *Sunday Worship*

## *April 30, 2023*

### *Draw near to our Risen Lord*

*\* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able  
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation*

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*When God tripped over the stars this week and sent great lightning sparks across the night*

**God’s name was Power**

*When God stood in the morning dew a few weeks back and whispered Mary’s name fresh from the tomb*

**God’s name was Life**

*When God held out hands to Thomas and hold him to hold on and follow*

**God’s name was Shepherd**

*When God pours water this morning and asks us to find heaven in every drop*

**God’s name is Grace**

*When God shook us awake today and hollowed out an unused moment in front of us to step into*

**God’s name is Creator**

*When God found us waiting here in the space between heaven and earth, now and not yet*

**God’s name is Love**

*Friends, let us worship*

**We worship the God of many names**

#### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Shepherding God, bring us into your fold. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Help us see the way we should go, the way we should live. Help us hear your voice calling our name. Enliven this time of worship, that we may find true life as we join with others: praising your name, celebrating your great goodness, and sharing your love for all people. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #240** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

*Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Refrain*
2. Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*
3. We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. *Refrain*
4. Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

#### **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

#### **PRAYER OF BROKENESS**

**Gentle Shepherd, you guide us in right paths, you lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are your sheep, and you are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to your path, to loving you and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.**

## ***WORDS OF BLESSING***

*...Let the waters of our baptism remind us of the good news: Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.*

## ***\*GLORIA PATRI***

**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.**

## ***OLD TESTAMENT LESSON*** Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## ***TIME WITH THE CHILDREN***

### ***\*HYMN #803*** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

1. My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living streams. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

2. When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay; one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.

3. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

## ***NEW TESTAMENT LESSON*** John 10:1-10

### ***SERMON*** Leaving the Sheepfold

## ***CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP***

### ***OFFERTORY***

### ***\*DOXOLOGY***

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### ***PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

**God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.**

## ***SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS***

### ***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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 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.**

**\*HYMN #187** Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

2. We are yours: in love befriends us; be the guardian of our way. Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

3. You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

4. Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will. Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL 30, 2023.**

**This week's carillon is in memory of Ted R. Rockafellow. Brother of Earl Rockafellow and faithful member of the church.**

**Youth Group:** Today we will meet at 1:45pm. We will be traveling and worshipping at the Welcome Church in Philadelphia.

**Friday Night Fellowship – Cinco de Mayo, May 5th:** Sign-up for this fun evening in Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office. It will be a Mexican potluck event, please sign up to bring something to help make tacos or a dessert. Remember, it is ok to leave early in order to beat sunset, but the sun that evening is scheduled to set at 7:59 PM.

**Mother's Day Tea:** At noon on **Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>**, we will gather for a special lunch. This will be including guest's celebration of our mothers and those who were "motherly" to us, but the lunch is open for everyone. We ask that you bring a photo of your mom or someone who was very special and mother-like to you and we will try to guess who belongs to whom. After the lunch, Vini Christie will give a flower arrangement demonstration. A free-will offering will be taken to offset the costs as the meal will be provided. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

**Per Capita Apportionment Sunday – May 7, 2023 – 2023 Annual Contribution per member \$32.**

We are asking each church member, if they are able, to give their fair share either on May 7<sup>th</sup> or any time leading up until then. Apportionment giving can be made online as well. Please indicate "per capita" on your donation.

**Samuel Holton's Eagle Project:** Sam's project is to complete the church playground by building a fence to enclose that space as well as to provide new plantings. If you would like to donate to his project, please send your donation to Forest Grove Presbyterian Church and write *Samuel's Eagle Project* in the memo line of your check.

**Food Pantry Needs:** **This week we are asking for the following items: Individual packs of Apple/Fruit juice or fruit, canned fruit.** Bring your item(s) to the church. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

**Vacation Bible School:** Save the date – June 26-30, 9:00 am – Noon at The Anchor Presbyterian Church. Please contact Pastor Su if you can help. **Register here:** <https://vbspro.events/p/events/62355b>

<b><u>Calendar:</u></b>	<b>April 30</b>	10:00 am Worship Service and Sunday school - followed by Coffee Hour
		1:45 pm Welcome Church visit
<b>May 1</b>		5:30 pm Bell Choir
		7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop Meeting
<b>May 3</b>		12:00 pm Bring your Brown bag lunch for fellowship.
<b>May 4</b>		7:00 pm Bible study on Zoom: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/127591875">https://zoom.us/j/127591875</a>
<b>May 5</b>		6:00 pm Friday Night Fellowship, Mexican Night

**Elder of the month:** Bill Wark      **Deacon of the month:** Missi Dell'Orefice  
**Sunday School Teacher:** Beth Conti      **Coffee Host:** Leanne Yerkes

*In our thoughts and prayers:*

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Alvin Cornell,  
Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, David Posnett

**Church Staff**

**Susan Fall, Pastor**

**Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music**      **Sue Lewis, Handbell Director**  
**Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator**      **Frank Orzechoski, Financial Manager**

