

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
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The Fourth Sunday in Eastertide
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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Bringing in the Light of Christ

9:30 a.m.

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Biggar, Interim Pastor

Gathering Music “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Call to Worship *from Psalm 23 and John 10*

The Lord is our shepherd.

We are Christ’s sheep.

The shepherd shelters us in green pastures.

In Christ, we dwell secure.

The shepherd nourishes us and restores our souls.

Christ is our shepherd and gate to the Most High.

***Hymn # 558 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

Words: Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836; Music: William B Bradbury, 1859

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

**We are thine; do thou befriend us; be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock; from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when we pray.**

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;

blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our spirits fill.

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.**

Opening Prayer

from Psalm 23 and John 10

in unison

Loving Shepherd, You call us as your own.
When danger is close at hand,
You gather us to yourself,
that we might dwell secure.
When evil surrounds us,
You give us a home and a safe place to rest.
When foes threaten our fellowship,
You rescue us from peril.
Restore our souls, Gentle Savior,
and lead us in the paths of righteousness,
that we may walk in the ways
of goodness and mercy,
all the days of our lives. AMEN

Choir Anthem – The Lord is my Shepherd (Psalm 23) - Howard Goodall

Discipleship for All Ages “Psalm 23”

Hymn for All Ages # 627 “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Words: African – American spiritual

Music: African-American spiritual; harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix, 1981

**I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
O, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
O, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm troubled, Lord walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
O, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

Introduction to Scripture

Rev. Biggar

Scripture Reading: John 10:1-10

Meditation “Abundant Life”

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** *from Psalm 23 and John 10* in unison

Shepherd of our souls,
we thank You for the love that flows through our lives.
May this love flow through these gifts,
that no one may be in need.
Work through this offering and through our very lives,
that Your community of love
may be established here on earth
for all the sheep of Your fold.
In Your holy name, we pray. AMEN

Our Faith in Action (Church Announcements)

***Hymn # 80 "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"**

Words: Para. Isaac Watts, 1719, alt. Music: Southern Harmony, 1835

**My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy
is your name; in pastures fresh you make me feed,
beside the living stream. You bring my wand-'ring spirit
back, when I forsake your ways; you lead me,**

for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When through the shades of death I walk, 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 over flows, your oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions, gracious God, attend me
all my days; O may your house be my abode, and
all my work be praise. Here would I find a settled
rest, while others go and come; no more a
stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

***Responsive Benediction** *from Psalm 23 and John 10*

The Lord is our shepherd.

We shall not want.

In pastures green, we rest secure.

By still waters, we rest secure.

Go in peace, with the blessings of our shepherd.

AMEN

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand.

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Offerings can also be made online at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1301940>.

THIS WEEK*

Today - 10:30 am, Coffee Hour / Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, April 28 – Tuesday Gals at 10am

Wednesday, April 29 –Choir at 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 30 – Discipleship at 1pm

Sunday, May 3 – Choir at 8:30am

Lyn will be out of the office on April 29th and 30th. Jeanne will be checking in.

IN OUR PRAYERS*

Congregation & Community: James Black, (U.S. Navy) deployed to the Middle East. Candy Burgess, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Holly and Charles Slonina, Susanelle Stearns.

Wider World: People recovering from natural disasters and conflicts in the U.S. and around the world. Peace within ourselves, our families, our communities, and our world.

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