

**April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:30 AM**

\*Those who are able, please stand

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME**

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. This is the Festival of God's Creation. Please join us after service for food and fellowship time. (Remember to Thank Jackie & June for doing this for us)

**Announcements:**

Free Lunch April 22, 2024, 11:30-12:30 w/No Bush-Northville

April 22, 2024 - Bible Study in Parlor

April 22, 2024 - Victims Impact Day @ Johnstown Park 3:00 PM

Newsletter Items Due April 25, 2024 to Dorothy Holly or Nancy Marsh

May 8, 2024 - Mother's Day Gift making Event - 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Mother's Day -May 12,2024 - Domestic Violence bags due

**MUSICAL PRELUDE:** "God So Loved The World" Pianist Mavis Baldwin

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (In Unison)

Come, all who are weary and need rest. Jesus said, I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly. In the midst of all that you fear, God is with you. Even though we have wandered and have become lost, the shepherd calls to us. We can place our trust in his loving care. For we are the sheep of his pasture, blessed and given hope. Just when we think we can go no further, Jesus the Good Shepherd calls to us, bringing us safely into the fold of Grace and Mercy. Rejoice! You are loved completely and forgiven! AMEN.

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.

People: We need to hear the word of hope from God. The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

Leader: Thanks be to God who has heard our cries, healed our wounds, and restored our lives.

People: His voice, speaking our names, draws us to him.

Leader: We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for each of us.

People: Our hearts rejoice and we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd.

Leader: It is Christ who brings us out to green pastures and restores our souls

People: It is Christ who gives us hope and peace. Praise be to Christ our Lord.

**GATHERING SONG**

"More Love to Thee O God"

UMH 453

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (In Unison)

Shepherding God, bring us into your fold. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. We have heard the voice of God calling our name, calling us to the path of life. Help us see the way we should go, the way we should live. Help us hear your voice calling our name. Be with us in our need. We are standing at the gate, O loving Shepherd, not sure about the journey. But you have called our names, and in your voice, we hear such love and surety. Bring us safely on the journey and strengthen us that we may serve you in all that we do. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people in Jesus name. Amen

**Time with God's Children:**

**SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS** (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, 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** "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place" UMH 328

**GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

"The Gift of Love"

UMH 408

**DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

**UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGING**

