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PROGRAM

	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway	9:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

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Church Office Hours

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.



April 30, 2023
 10:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Easter



Thoughts of Preparation

If we have become accustomed to think of resurrection life as something that we receive and enjoy primarily as individuals, this week's Lectionary readings will come as something of a shock...we are drawn into recognizing that the life Christ offers us is always shared. If we are to know the reality of the resurrection, we will discover it as we care for one another and share life in mutual compassion and protection. – *John van de Laar, Sacredise*

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” (Albin Whitworth)

Tower Bell

Introit

Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise:
 Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
 He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled-
 Jesus Christ the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Good Shepherd, teach us to follow you;
to care for all that are close to us,
 to protect those who are threatened,
to welcome those who are rejected,
 to forgive those who are burdened by guilt,
to heal those who are broken and sick,
 to share with those who have little or nothing,
to take the time to really know one another
 and love as you have loved us. Good Shepherd, Teach us to follow you
to spread compassion to those who are far away,

to speak for those who are voiceless,

to defend those who are oppressed and abused,

to work for justice for those who are exploited,

to make peace for those who suffer violence,

to take the time to recognize our connectedness,

and to love as you have loved us.

Good Shepherd, Teach us to follow you

and to be faithful to calling you gave us to be shepherds in your name. AMEN.

***Hymn #440**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

(Bradbury)

***Prayer of Adoration (Unison) – Paraphrase of Psalm 23**

God, You are enough for us; You give us rest in soft fields and beside whispering streams; You restore and renew us, and lead us into life-giving ways. When death and evil come close to us, You carry us through, You protect and comfort us; when others seek to do us harm, Your grace uplifts and provides for us in public view; You fill us with Your strength and we enjoy overflowing abundance. We have confidence that Your goodness and compassion will fill our days, and we will stay immersed in Your life and presence. Forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Greatest)

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.**

Children’s Chat

Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:42-47 (Common English Bible)

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God’s goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. Barry Bordenkircher

Liturgist: Vickie Grey Kennedy

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & Mike Hanson

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, April 30: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, May 1: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, May 2: 6:30 p.m. East Row Historic Foundation Meeting
7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Thursday, May 4: 7:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 6: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The Chosen Series

Sunday, May 7: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Sunday

Upcoming Event

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, May 10th

Noon-2:00pm

Lunch will be provided—Taco Bar

Drinks and Dessert Provided



Flowers in church today are provided by the Sanctuary Flower Fund.
If you or anyone you know would benefit from the beauty and joy of the arrangement, please feel free to take them.

Open flower dates are May 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

The Chosen

Join us as we watch and discuss **season 3 of The Chosen**. Sessions are Saturday 10 – 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome; join us as you are able.

Episode 4: STAND where Jesus stands – “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.” (*Matthew 7: 24-25*) - **Saturday May 6**

Prayers and Sympathy

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Bette Kendrick. Bette passed away on Monday, April 24, 2023. Her memorial service will be held here at St. John’s UCC on Monday, May 1, 2023 with visitation from 12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m. and the service to follow at 1:00 p.m. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this tender time.

Betty Kiddy Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held for Betty Kiddy on Saturday, May 6, 2023 here at St. John’s UCC beginning at 11:00 a.m. Betty passed away on November 8, 2022. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this tender time.

Worship Notes

The CALL TO WORSHIP and the PRAYER OF ADORATION are both by the Rev. John van de Laar, from his Lectionary worship site [Sacredise](http://sacredise.com/easter-4a/) (sacredise.com/easter-4a/); the OFFERTORY prayer is from the UMC’s “Discipleship Ministries” worship site (www.umcdiscipleship.org).

Anthem

“*Shout to the Lord*”

(*Mark Hayes*)

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your
mighty love; My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength, let ev’ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise
to the King; Mountains bow down, and the seas will roar at the
sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work
of Your hands, forever I’ll love You, forever I’ll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer
gleam, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Shout to the Lord!
Alleluia!

Gathering Together in Prayer

Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – 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 and ever. Amen.**

Response

**Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.**

Scripture Lesson – John 10:1-10 (Common English Bible)

I assure you that whoever doesn’t enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. They won’t follow a stranger but will run away because they don’t know the stranger’s voice.” Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn’t understand what he was saying.

So Jesus spoke again, “I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn’t listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

Today’s Message

The Voice of the Shepherd

Rev. Barry Bordenkircher

Offertory Invitation

The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep so that the sheep may live. We are part of the flock, we are part of Christ’s body. Let us bring gifts as we share in the shepherding and caring for all of God’s flocks, and all of creation!

Offertory

“All The Way, My Savior Leads Me”

(Mary McDonald)

All the way my Savior leads me,
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been my Guide?
Heav’nly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate’er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well;

All the way my Savior leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living Bread.
Though my weary steps may falter
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo! A spring of joy I see;

All the way my Savior leads me,
Oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father’s house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way;
This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way.

***Doxology**

(Old 100th)

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

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Caring and compassionate God, we feel like we have been through so much. Battered by division, perceived by some as too judgmental and by others as too accommodating, and we know our witness to the world has suffered. Bless the gifts we give and help them to be used to sow seeds of kindness, healing, hope, and justice. When we as a church falter, remind us that Christ, our Good Shepherd, never falters. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn #499**

“He Leadeth Me”

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

(William Boyce)

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Welcome!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!
We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God’s Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ. May you know His grace and peace today!

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.