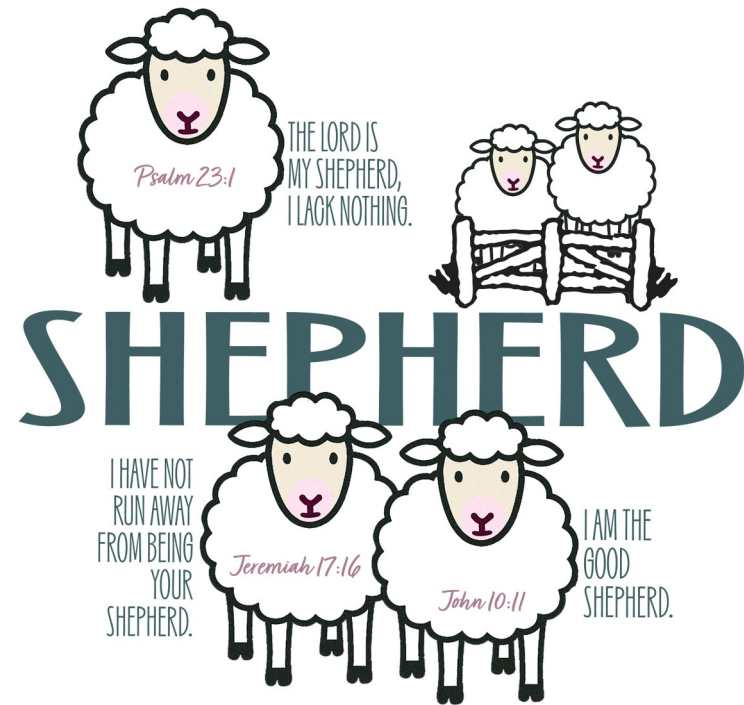


If you would like to schedule time with Pastor Jane, please call her directly at 802-430-3636 or email her at janechurchlady@gmail.com

Prayer Circle: If you or someone you know is in need of prayer you may call anyone of the following:

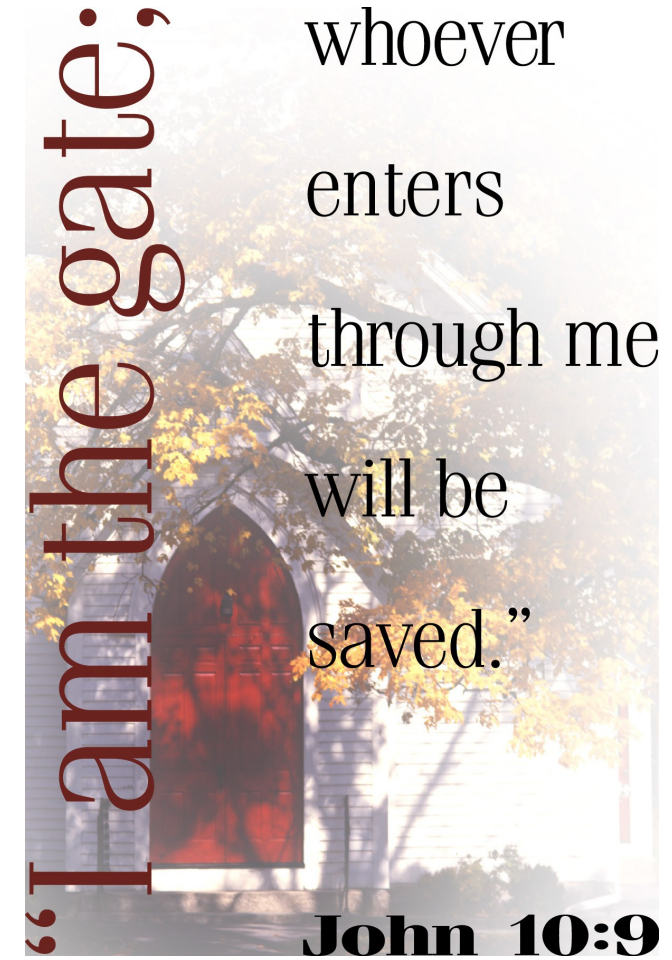
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~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ APRIL 26, 2026 ~

~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *“God has entrusted us with his most precious treasure - people. He asks us to shepherd and mold them into strong disciples, with brave faith and good character.”* John Ortberg



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PRELUDE Joanie Brown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Steve Fredette

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL Ann & Lyman

One: What is our church's mission?

Many: **To embody God's powerful love...**

- **welcoming all people, with a vision and message of hope,**
- **weaving deep relationships with Jesus and each other,**
- **working, praising and playing in our towns and world.**

OPENING HYMN (CH) # 433 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

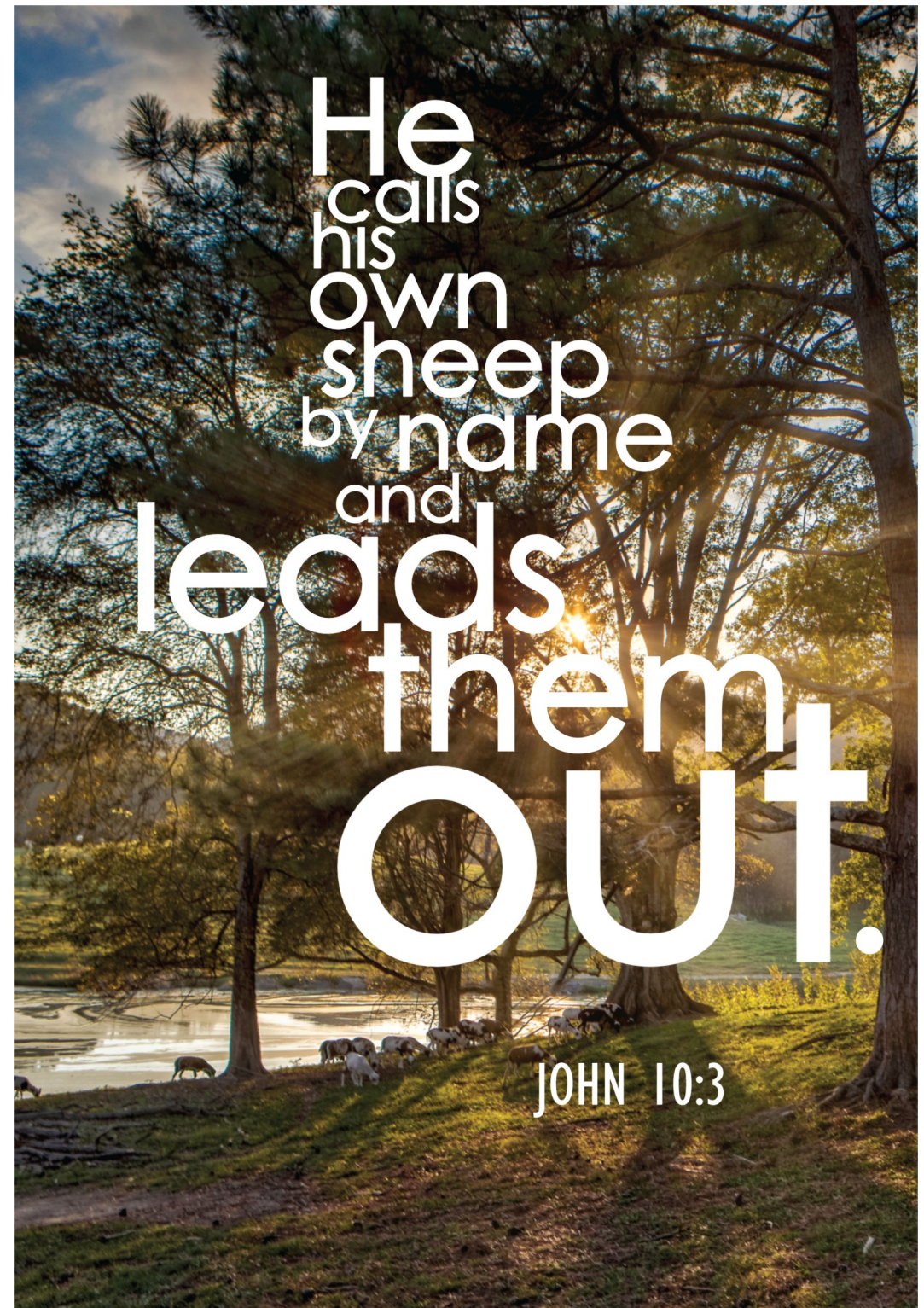
Leader: The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us enter with thanksgiving and praise!

People: *The Shepherd restores our souls, satisfies our needs, and leads us on the right path.*

Leader: The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us live with courage and conviction not fear and timidity.

People: *Through valleys and storms, chaos and confusion, threats and concerns, the Shepherd comforts us with power and strength, love and compassion, hope and peace.*

Leader: The Good Shepherd is the gate. Let us worship in the presence of the Holy One!



BENEDICTION

Steve Fredette

POSTLUDE

Joanie Brown

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service

Thank you for coming to worship with us!

IMMEDIATE NEEDS PRAYER LIST : Pam Berryhill, Jeff Buxton, C.J.,
Connie Munukka, Carlene Kasuba, Jessica Smith, Rick Hall, Jeanne Cole,
Erik Van Scoy, Vance, Chris, Joe and Matt, Peter, Jennifer Clement,
Maggie Ashton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER CLASS will be held this morning after worship.
Installation of new members will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026 during
worship.

FREE ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS The Poalino's were beloved members of
the Fair Haven community who ran a successful florist business for many
years. After the death of their parents, the Poalino children gave away
many decorations from their business, to benefit the town. The Itty Bitty
Committee, a group of town volunteers, has been helping with this project.
On **Sunday May 10, from 11 am to 1 pm**, there will be a display of
beautiful artificial flowers set up outside in front of the church. The flowers
are free to anyone who can use them. They would work well for decora-
tions in your home or for cemetery memorials. Please stop by and pick up
some flowers.

**People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all our days of my
life. Let us dwell in God's presence forever!**

Leader: Come let us worship together this day.

INVOCATION

Debbie Pratt

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

***ALL: Shepherd of our lives, like sheep, we wander and stray. We come
to you for sustenance yet distance ourselves from your realm when
you require more from us. We bite one another with words that cut and
attitudes that reflect more apathy than care. We lie down and become
stuck when you would expand our territory and sphere of belonging.
We give you thanks for not giving up on us and continuing to lead us
by your Spirit. Give us courage and confidence to do your will and to
love with our lives. We devote ourselves anew to your teaching, to
community, to the sacramental life, and to prayer. Lead us in the ever
full and renewed life in Christ. Amen.***

WORDS OF GRACE

Steve Fredette

PRAISE & WORSHIP VIDEO

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.*

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.*

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 23, John 10:1-10

Celia Schneider

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 80 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

*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 overflows,
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.*

SERMON The Gate

Steve Fredette

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY *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.*

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 494 They'll Know We are Christians

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored.*

REFRAIN

*And they'll know we are Christians,
By our love, by our love.*

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*We will walk with each other, will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news, that God is in our land. **REFRAIN***

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll save each man's dignity, and guard each man's pride. **REFRAIN***

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit, that makes us one. **REFRAIN***

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

CHORAL BENEDICTION *This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*

*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

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