



Reach One More For Jesus!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

PRELUDE "How Great Thou Art" by Stuart K. Hine Thelma Downey

WELCOME Penny Holstad
Pastor Tom

CALL TO WORSHIP Betty Neese

L: The God of all shepherds has called us here.

P: We come today, celebrating God's love for us.

L: The Good Shepherd has given His life for us.

P: We come today, thanking Jesus for His witness and His teaching.

L: The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

P: We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs. 1, 2, & 5

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

OPENING PRAYER Betty Neese

Loving Shepherd, You know our names; You care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for Your love, fill us with Your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at Your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

READINGS Betty Neese

John 10: 11-18 NIV

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father

loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE **“SAVIOR LIKE THE SHEPHERD LEAD US!”** Pastor Tom

1. A True Sheep Listens to the Shepherd.

2. The True Shepherd Protects the Sheep.

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE Pastor Tom

THE LORD’S PRAYER Pastor Tom

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.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS) Pastor Tom

DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Betty Neese

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.

CLOSING HYMN “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” vs. 1 & 2

1. 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.

2. We are thine, thou dost 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, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

BENEDICTION Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE “It Is Well with My Soul” by Spatford and Bliss Thelma Downey