

# EASTER PEOPLE

## The Good Shepherd - Part 1

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

1. Shepherds were \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Goodness and mercy \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Forever starts \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:  
1. constantly on the move  
2. chase after me  
3. now!

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*Please tear off and place in offering plate*

**We are so Happy you've joined us for worship today!**

Attendee    Guest    Returning Guest    New to area

**Your Name:** (Please include all names of family members in attendance)

**Address:** (Please include your mailing address if you are a guest. Please update mailing address if it has changed)

**Phone:**

**Email:**

*Any prayer requests?*

\_\_\_\_\_ Please keep my prayer request confidential

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like someone to contact me and pray about confidential matters

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to meet with Pastor Jim

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## April 25, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Greeting, Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship

*(Nancy C. Townley, Worship Connection: April 25, 2021, in Ministry Matters, alt.)*

Come, walk with the Lord this day.

***We seek places of peace and rest from the stresses of our lives.***

The Shepherd will lead you to places where your soul may be restored.

***We come, sometimes fearful of the hostilities of the world.***

In the midst of all the turmoil, The Shepherd will provide for your needs abundantly.

***Surely these wonders will heal and restore our spirits. AMEN.***

#### Prayer

*(Nancy C. Townley, Worship Connection: April 25, 2021, in Ministry Matters, alt.)*

***Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship.***

***Refresh us and heal us again.***

***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 the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.***

#### Opening Hymn – “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (UMH 381)

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.  
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3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
4. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

#### Scripture - Psalm 23

#### Scripture Response

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks Be to God. Amen.**

#### Message – “Easter People: The Good Shepherd, Pt 1” (Jim Hollister )

#### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord’s Prayer (UMH 895)

***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, and deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.***

#### Presentation of God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

*April’s basket collection goes to the Ronald McDonald House in Scranton,  
and the item collection is Baby Shower items for local women’s shelters.*

#### Prayer of Dedication

#### Closing Hymn – “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” (UMH 136)

1. The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness, e’en for his own name’s sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;  
and in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

#### Blessing