

THE SUNDAY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Fourth Sunday after Easter

Peace United Church of Christ Elkader, Iowa 52043

CANDLE LIGHTING

PRELUDE:

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” George Elvey

RINGING OF BELL

BELL CHOIR: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

REFLECTION (inspired by the above song)

L: The King of Love, my Shepherd is, whose goodness never fails. He leads me where streams of living water flow and feeds me in lush green pastures. He gently seeks me when I stray. And when I am in death’s dark valley, he is beside me with his rod and staff to protect me, his cross to guide me. He spreads a table before me. Oh. Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, CONCERNS, BLESSINGS

THEME

L: Today, let us lean upon the Good Shepherd, our Risen Christ, our King of Love. In the scripture lesson from Acts, the focus is on Christ’s unique saving ability, his bringing different sheep into the flock. Through the passages from John 10 and I. John 3, weave the message of the Good Shepherd in Psalm 23.

***GATHERING LITANY:** (inspired by Isaiah 40:31, Psalm 23)

L: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

P: The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: They shall mount up with wings like eagles. He restores my soul.

P: He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

L: They shall run and not be weary. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil for you are with me. They shall walk and not faint.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

***CALL TO PEACE: (unison)**

Who is the foundation of our faith? Who is our shepherd in these dark days? Who can save us in a world of pain? The Good Shepherd—the one who calls us to a life of peace and harmony! Let us pass that peace among each other and then take it from here to the rest of our world.

(please pass the peace and then be seated)

THE WORD FROM THE SHEPHERD GOD

PSALM 23 in song: “God Is My Shepherd” #479

THE CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE:

L: Good Shepherd of many flocks and pastures,

P: may we never tire of hearing your Word.

L: Forgive us

P: when we try to keep you as our own. May you open our eyes to recognize the sheep of your flock wherever they may be and whatever they look like.

L: Good Shepherd, you lay down your life for the sheep. Thus, we know that you will surely rescue us, forgive us, lead us to pastures where we will live safely forever.

P: Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS:

Acts 4:5-12

I. John 3:16-24

Arlene Reimer

GOSPEL:

John 10:1-18

Pastor Paula

MESSAGE:

“Manah! Manah! Manah!”

MESSAGE SONG:

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” #252

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

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.

OFFERING INVITATION:

L: The Good Shepherd calls us to love one another, to give of ourselves, to be a blessing to others.

P: So we come with our gifts of love, sharing our blessings from God.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

“My Life Flows on in Endless Song” Lyrics by Pauline T
original tune by Robert Lowry.

***THE DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above you heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

AMEN

***BENEDICTION:**

L: Let us go now with our trust in the Good Shepherd,

P: and love one another with truth and action, not just words, as he commanded us.

L: Let us go now knowing that God is at our side even in valleys of death,

P: knowing that Christ is the cornerstone of our lives of faith.

L: Let us go now knowing that the Holy Spirit abides in us, tends us with love and mercy all our lives.

P: We go in peace to serve the Good Shepherd. AMEN

***SENDING SONG:**

"My Shepherd Is the Living God"

#247

***POSTLUDE:**

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Charles H. Gabriel

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Worship Leaders

Today

Worship: Pastor Paula

Reader: Arlene Reimer

Fellowship:

Organist: Arlene Reimer

Ushers: Gerald, Arlene Reimer

Opening/ Sue Stott

Closing

Next Sunday

Pastor Paula

Volunteer needed

Confirmation Sunday

Laura Moser

Deb D, Diane F.

Gary Kuehl

PRAYER LIST: Greg Anderson, Gus Augustson, Dave & Diane B-H, Inge Baumgartner, Eli Belser, Roger and Betty Buchholz, Jonah Burns and Burns family, Linda Cranston, Deb Dennler, Wayne F., Karen Glesne, Linda Glesne, Penny Jacobson, Karla, Ruth Krall, Gerry Kramer, Marlene Marmann, Jane Metcalf, Marilyn Nielsen, Ruth and Jenny Olson, Lucena Phelps, Sharon Reichert, Harry & Gloria Robbins, Joan Strauss, family of Charlie Mason (Penni Leonard's brother-in-law);

Church office hours for Pastor Paula:

(subject to change if emergencies arise)

9 a.m.-noon—Mon. Wed. Thur; 9-10:45 a.m. Tues

Church office hours for Debbie:

3:30-4:30 p.m.—Mon;1:30-3:30 p.m .Wed. & Thur.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Monday: 9-12 noon-office hours
5:30 p.m. Council mtg.

Tuesday: 11 a.m. Pastor at clergy text study

Wednesday: 9-noon-----Office hours
5 30-6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
6:30-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:30-7 p.m.-Children's Bible Study
6:30-7:30 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday: 9 a.m. Sunday BULLETIN Deadline—give info
to Pastor Paula

Friday: Pastor's Day Off

Saturday: Worship Preparation

ATTENTION

Financial contributions to assist Burns family can be done by: check--write Peace UCC attn: Jonah's Journey and drop off at Freedom Bank

OR bring to Peace UCC, 301 N. Main, 9-12 noon, Mon-Thur. OR mail to Peace UCC at Box 268, Elkader, Iowa 52043 OR Mail to Jasen & Marnie Burns, Box 322, Elkader, IA.52043 OR Venmo is JM Burns

PLEASE SEND: notes and cards to Jonah Burns, Box 322, Elkader, Iowa 52043

REMINDER: those who do opening/closing need to plug in the coffee pots!!!

NEXT SUNDAY JS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY FOR REESE KUHSE AND KENDALL WAGNER!