

# Shavertown United Methodist Church

4<sup>th</sup> Weekend of Easter

*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world!*

**PRELUDE** "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought" by William B. Bradbury

Piano Arrangement by Don Wyrzten

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Centering Meditation:*

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

Psalm 23:1 NRSV

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Ellie/Gina, Liturgists

We all like sheep have gone astray.

**May the Good Shepherd gather us into his flock once again.**

Come let us worship and bow down.

**Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.**

For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture.

**We are the sheep of His hand. Let us worship God!**

## \*OPENING PRAYER

**We greet you this day, Good Shepherd, with grateful hearts. We thank you for your abiding presence and loving care. We pray this time apart with you in worship is a blessing for all of us. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" # 138

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.

I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me;  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

## \*A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

# 883

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *and* THE LORD'S (DISCIPLE'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.

## TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### A GIFT OF MUSIC

"Shepherd of My Soul"

by Susan Dengler/Lee Dengler

Chancel Choir

### CALL TO OFFERING

### \*DOXOLOGY

# 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, who power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**So many blessings have come from your hand, O God. We show our appreciation today through our various offerings. Receive and consecrate everything we give as a sign of our response to your infinite goodness. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**THE WORD OF GOD  
THE MESSAGE**

Psalm 23 NRSV  
Actions Speak Louder

Pastor Robin

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

# 381

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.

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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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.  
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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.

**\*BENEDICTION**

Go forth, fellow sheep, into the arms of Our Good Shepherd.  
May you be comforted knowing you belong to Jesus,  
who loves, cares, and calls all his sheep by name. **Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

Traditional Latin Tune



## **Worship Series: Belong, Behave, Believe**

**Fourth Weekend of April, 2021**

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**Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage**

**PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 24 THROUGH MAY 1**

Please contact Pastor Robin at 570-220-1138 or the Church Office at 570-675-3616 if you are being hospitalized, having surgery or in need of pastoral care or prayer. Prayer requests can be included on the e-mail prayer chain by contacting the church office at shavertownumc@susumc.org or by calling 570-675-3616.

OUR PRAYER LIST: The United Methodist Church; victims of violence; those persecuted for their faith; men & women in Law Enforcement; caregivers; those in difficult relationships; children & teens at risk; those incarcerated; those with hatred in their hearts; marriages in trouble, cancer and Covid 19 victims.

**Concerns:** Our homebound friends, Kevin Kear, Peggy Evans, Jim & Elaine Laubach, Jimmy Tighe, Randy, Bernie, Tom Kucewicz, Bill Chapple, Shawn, Bernice, Judy Loeffler, Jack, Jane Ketchner, Bonnie Brader, George & Jean Parris, Tammy Wahl, Sandy Richardson, John Nicks, John Bunney, Randy Jones, Nancy, Heidi Wagner, David, Martha Kanjorski, Paula, Carol Foreman, Cindy Biesecker, Deb, Iris Smith, Newark Legg Family, Charlie Duddek, Mary Ellen Pajor, Young Family, Michael, Pennrose Family, Jeff, Danny, Dal Sperazza, Pastor Ken Brown's family, Ken Mackett family, Baby Noah Pollock, Mike Marcus family, Beverly Condo family, Lane, Unspoken, The Oley Family

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**

Maj. Shannon Dzury Dawson, US Air Force	Sgt. Amy Polachek, US Marines, Quantico, VA
LCDR John W. Gilligan, US Navy	Rick Hodle, Jr., US Navy
Sgt. Scott Kocher	Sgt. Josh McCue, US Air Force
Lt. Col. Stephen C. Phillips	Specialist Charles Yavorski, FT. Bragg, N.C.
Todd Mark, US Army, South Korea	2 <sup>nd</sup> LT Gregory Navestad, Hill AFB, Utah
Col. P.J. Perrone Jr., Fort Belvoir, VA	Travis Butler, US Navy Reserves
Major Erika Reese, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA	Lt. Mary Ketchner, Silverdate, Wa
Specialist Alex Barilla, US Army, Kansas	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Allen Carson, 109 <sup>th</sup> US Army Reserves, Phila.
Spc. Brandon Pall, Fort Hood, Texas	Rick Hodle III, US Army
Jon Laity, US Navy, Japan	Pfc. Michael Biesecker, US Marine Corps Reserves
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael T. Shutlock, US Air Force	Jackson Rogers, US Marines, Okinawa
Elijah Geise, U.S. Marines	Raphael Zbysheski, U.S. Marine Corp., Hawaii

**WELCOME**

If you are new to our church, please visit our welcome table in the Narthex for a small gift and information about our ministries for both adults and children.  
We have many exciting things going on throughout the year here at SUMC!

**THINK OF THIS FRIEND (with cards and prayers)**

Betty Ashbridge, 324 Cassell Ct., Village of Brandywine, Wilmington, DE 19803

**We are so glad to worship with you this morning!**

*Church Office Hours:* Monday through Friday 8:30am through 3:00pm

**APRIL ALTAR GUILD:** Sandy Michalisin & Sue Holdredge  
**LITURGIST:** Weekend of April 24/25: Ellie (Saturday) Gina (Sunday)  
**USHERS:** Cathy Nicks (Saturday) Christine Koerwer(Sunday)  
**GREETER:** Cathy Nicks (Saturday) Christine Koerwer (Sunday)  
**ACOLYTE:** 9:30am-Katie  
**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25:** Aaron Harvatine  
**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of Sandy Michalisin's mother given by the family

Sun. Apr. 25	Worship 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am God's Handful 11:45-12:45pm Youth Group 4-6pm
Mon. Apr.26	Women's Bible Study 1pm on Zoom Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
Tues. Apr. 27	Children of Light 4:30-5pm Chancel Choir 5-5:30pm Good News Ringers 6-6:45pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom
Wed. Apr. 28	Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom Music Rehearsal 7:30pm
Thurs. Apr. 29	Special Topic Study Group 7pm – HS Sunday school room
Fri. Apr. 30	Community Care Cabinet 10am Red Cross Blood Drive 11am - 4pm
Sat. May 1	Worship 5:30pm

**COMING UP APRIL 24 THROUGH MAY 1**

**MAY ALTAR GUILD:** Deborah & Ray Poremba

**LITURGIST: Weekend of May 1/2:** Alan Kinsman (Saturday) TBD(Sunday)

**USHERS:** Christine Koerwer (Saturday) (Sunday)

**GREETER:** Christine Koerwer (Saturday) (Sunday)

**ACOLYTE:** 9:30am-Sarah

**TRUSTEE SECURITY FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2:** Joe Gutierrez

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Sun. May 2	Worship 9:30am Sunday school 10:30am God's Handful 11:45-12:45pm Confirmation 4-6pm
Mon. May 3	Women's Bible Study 1pm on Zoom Praise Band Rehearsal 7pm
Tues. May 4	Children of Light 4:30-5pm Chancel Choir 5-5:30pm Good News Ringers 6-6:45pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm on Zoom
Wed. May 5	Prayer Group 9-10am on Zoom Mission & Outreach 6:30pm
Thurs. May 6	Special Topic Study Group 7pm – HS Sunday school room
Fri. May 7	Community Care Cabinet 10am
Sat. May 8	Worship 5:30pm

**Faithfulness in Worship Attendance: 107**

**On Line Worship: 38**

**April 17: \$6,857**

**Weekly Financial Goal: \$6,214**

**MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAVERTOWN UMC**

**GERANIUM SALE:** Cindy Biesecker and Morgan are selling geraniums for \$3 to benefit the Community Care Cabinet. Orders are due by April 25. Order forms are in the narthex or by calling the church office at 570-675-3616..

**PHOTOS:** Amy Wall and Brenda Kopalek will be taking photos of church members before and after worship. This will be an ongoing process and will continue as needed. Our short-term goal will be to put the photos on our online directory for staff use. Our long-term goal will be to make a church directory for all members to enjoy either online (ONLY church members would have access) or printed. The advantage of a digital directory is it can constantly be updated and added to as members return to in-person worship.

**GRADUATES:** If you know the names of any church members graduating from High School or College this spring or summer, please contact the church office with their name.

**PRAISE BAND:** Our group needs 2 people to be responsible for the Powerpoint presentation of the lyrics so the congregation can sing along and to do some setup and run live streaming. You would be required to be at the church by 6pm or one hour before the concert. Anyone interested, please call John Bunney @ 570-696-2658 or 570-690-7876.

**ALIMA FUND:** Alima is back to School in Dakar. Tuition, room and board is \$1075. There is only \$625 remaining in her fund, leaving us \$450 short of covering her costs. If you are able, please place a donation in an envelope label Alima Fund in the offering plate.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive on April 30 from 11am until 4pm in the social hall. Please consider donating to this very worthy cause that could make a big difference in the lives of others.

**CHICKEN BBQ:** The Trucksville United Methodist Church will be hosting their "Drive thru" BBQ on Friday, May 7 and Saturday May 9 from 4:30 until 7pm. Cost is \$10. Call 570-696-3897, Mon thru Thurs from 9am until noon to make your dinner reservation.

**SPECIAL TOPICS STUDY GROUP:** We are currently doing a 5-week study by Max Lucado called *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World* on Thursdays at 7:00pm. If interested in joining the group, please contact Brenda Kopalek at kadec23@hotmail.com