

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 8, 2022

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WORDS TO PONDER

The Good Shepherd knows us by name.

ANTHEM: "O My, My"

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus speaks of Himself as the Shepherd

People: Those who follow Him belong to the flock.

Leader: They hear His voice and obey Him.

People: He guides them to pastures where they are
nourished; they find protection from whatever
could harm them.

Unison: Nothing can separate those who believe in
Jesus from the love of God in whose name He tends
the flock of faith.

OPENING HYMN: "The Lord My Shepherd Is" #307 Red

CALL TO CONFESSION

Before the throne of God we are fully known. We cannot hide our intentions or our actions from God. Before we can truly hear or accept the promises and commission of God we need to remove the barriers. Let us confess our resistance to the message of salvation and our tendency to hoard for ourselves what we have received.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Redeemer, we confess before You today our sins and ask that You would cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Forgive us for listening to voices other than Yours, voices which lead us into paths where selfishness, corruption, greed and injustice take over. Help us to follow the voice of our Shepherd and help our lives to reflect the wise and solid instruction that You give Your children. Hear us now as we confess our personal waywardness.

TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us through all of life. God grants salvation for all eternity and claims us day by day. Let us walk as children of light, who rejoice in the Shepherd's loving guidance, and show gratitude for springs of living water. All praise to our God!

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 23, John 10:22-30

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

SERMON: "Of His Flock"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not

into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

CLOSING HYMN: "Savior, Like a Shepherd ... #461 Red

THE APOSTLES' CREED #881 Black

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Leader: Lead by Your Spirit, we shall grow in wisdom and understanding of what it means to be Christ's disciples.

Unison: We are the sheep of Your pasture; all honor be to Your name.