

Order of Worship

April 21 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Attendance Cards: Please complete & drop in offering plate.
We're glad you're here!

Welcome/Announcements/Prayer Concerns

PRELUDE "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Beck

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us worship our God,

All: Who is our shepherd and who cares for us.

One: God creates us, redeems us, and sustains us,

**All: Walking with us in green meadows and
in shadowy valleys.**

One: This is our God of resurrection and new life!

All: Christ lives! Let us worship God together!

***OPENING HYMN** "He Lives" UMH 310

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of new life,
although you live in our hearts,
your presence is not always reflected in how we live.
You provide for us,
yet we try to fill ourselves with that which does not satisfy.
You lead us and guide us
but we often insist on going our own way.
You are always ready to listen to us
and we do not seem to find the time to pray to you.
Forgive us, we pray.
Receive us back again
into your arms of mercy and grace
so that we may follow in your way of love.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

PSALM READING UMH 137

Please sing Response 2 as indicated by the red "R"

SCRIPTURE I John 3:16-24 p.990 Santa Biblia p.952

ANTHEM "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Pote
Temple Choir

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CALL TO PRAYER "Open My Eyes That I May See" UMH 454 vs. 2

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY "O Blessed Spring" arr. Cherwien

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
UMH #94

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** "Open My Eyes That I May See"
UMH 454 vs. 1

***SCRIPTURE READING** John 10:11-18 p.872 Santa Biblia p. 828

MESSAGE "Because—Love That Knows No Bounds"
Rev. Kim Armentrout

***CLOSING HYMN** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
UMH 400

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Amen" Smallwood

POSTLUDE "Prelude in a Classic Style" Young
**Please rise*

🎵 Music Notes

The text for today's anthem ("The Lord Is My Shepherd") is the much-loved 23rd Psalm. It's been set to music many times; this setting has an almost conversational flow, matching the directness of the text. But what to say regarding a scripture which so many have already written so much about?

In my research, I came across a new (for me) fact - that mother sheep (dams) can recognize their lamb's bleat. That put me in mind of when Jesus said, referring to himself as the Good Shepherd: "he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice" (John 10:4, NRSV). The mother sheep knows her lamb's voice; all the sheep know the shepherd's voice.

As a devout Jew, Jesus knew this psalm well. And he surely knew the connection he was making when he identified himself as the Good Shepherd. We today can still hear our Savior's voice, and his Father's voice. We only have to listen. If the sheep can hear the shepherd's voice, so can we!

Stephen Garrett



*The altar flowers this morning are given to
the glory of God and in celebration of
Maya's 14th Birthday
by Buddy & Mom*

Guest wi-fi:

FUMC Guest Welcome!



This Week at First Church

SUNDAY 21—4th Sunday of Easter
 9 am Sunday School — IN PERSON & ONLINE
 10:30 am Worship — IN PERSON & ONLINE
Nursery: Sue Moore & Daphne Murphy

MONDAY 22
 8 am Breakfast Club
 6 pm Bible Study

TUESDAY 23
 2 pm Pantry
 6:30 pm Trustees

WEDNESDAY 24
 3 & 7 pm Choir
 6 pm Hispanic Bible Study

THURSDAY 25
 6:30 ESL Classes @ Rosa Parks Elementary

FRIDAY 26
SATURDAY 27
 10 am UWIF District Spring Retreat
 2 pm Cardenas-Hernandez Baby Shower

SUNDAY 28—5th Sunday of Easter
 9 am Sunday School — IN PERSON & ONLINE
 10:30 am Worship — IN PERSON & ONLINE
Nursery: Rose Morgan & Biblical Storytelling II—after worship

Prayer Concerns

Members of the Church Family:

Wanda Tewart	Bob Rogers	Bob Weineke
Judy Smith	Jerry Slama	Betty Risner
Kathy Wright	Debbie Ellis	Tom Atkinson
Bill Schaefer	Judy Spaulding	Jennie Webb
Herman Emmert	John Regensburg	Jim White
All Our Homebound Members		

Family & Friends of the Church:

Kerry Byrd, husband of Brenda Byrd	Laurie Rogers, daughter of Bob & Becky Rogers
Phil Longo, friend of Sharyn Edelen	Rex Perry, friend of Ron & Mary Davis
Carolyn J Howard, niece of Mary Maurer	Sam Barber, brother of Mary Davis
Sue Essen, sister of Peggy Kramer	Tim Brown, nephew of Mary Maurer
James Rogers, son-in-law of Ron & Mary Davis	Marcia Young, friend of Glenna Combs
Thomas Swank II, nephew of Steve Swank & Melanie Alderton	Mary Beckett, sister of Judy Smith
Darnell Williams, step son-in-law of Brenda Byrd	Megan McLaughlin-Stercula, granddaughter of Dee & David Young
Tracy Snyder, sister of Vickie Frazer	
Pam Zenefski, aunt of Cory Smarzinski	
Ted Heberling & family	
Dave Coomer, friend of Susan Beagle	
Bill Lambert, friend of Sue Faulkner	
Ernie Streithau, friend of Mike & Gloria Freeman	

Announcements

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

A reminder that the second session on Biblical Storytelling will be held on April 28th following worship. Please see Pastor Kim if you have any questions or want more information!

STAFF APPRECIATION

First United Methodist Church has an amazing staff! One of the blessings of being on the Staff-Parrish Relations Committee is that we are tasked with the responsibility of helping our congregation show its appreciation. That time is upon us!

During the month of April we will be collecting monetary donations for our staff. Rather than asking you to give each staff person a gift, we will be pooling all the donations and then dividing the total amongst our staff. If you would like to give, please mark your gift as 'staff appreciation' and put it with your offering or drop it off by the church office. All donations need to be in by May 5th. There is a basket, in the Commons, to collect cards and/or notes of appreciation if you would like to show your appreciation in that way, too.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any member of the committee. We are: John Hoffman, Tom Buchert, Sally Jo Inwood, Rick Lyke, Lynda Goecke, Barb Balsmeyer, JC Shew, Sue Faulkner, and Melanie Alderton. Please join us in saying 'Thank You!' to the amazing people who help our church be in ministry!

BERNS GIFT CARDS

It's not too early to start thinking about Spring planting and Mother's Day! The UWIF has Berns Gift Cards to make it easier. Karen Cooper or Susan Beagle will have the \$25 cards available to purchase.

CALLING ALL MEN!

Surprise your mom or wife on Mother's Day, May 12th, by joining the men of the Temple Choir in singing the Barbershop-style classic "M-O-T-H-E-R" during the Announcements that day. No rehearsal is necessary but if you'd like to take a look at the music or listen to a recording, contact Mary Ellen at music@myfumc.net

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 Fourth Sunday
 of Easter



SERVING IN WORSHIP

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