

April 22, 2018 – 10:00 am
Fourth Sunday of Easter

ST. JOHN
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Our mission is to worship and serve God
in our church, community, and the world.



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Please respond with words in **bold** print.

*Please stand if comfortably able

- WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
- THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY.

PRELUDE: **“My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs”**

Edward Broughton

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The Good Shepherd invites us to green pastures. We are refreshed beside still waters.

**MANY: We have been given everything we have.
God offers us everything we need.**

One: When we walk through shadowed valleys,
God is with us. We are comforted and
reassured.

**MANY: God leads us to the right paths.
Our cups are filled to overflowing.**

One: God welcomes us to abide with God where
love is freely given.

**MANY: We have received plenty that we might share.
We are called to spread that love to others.**

*OPENING HYMN: **NCH 252**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION: **Good Shepherd, we
meet in your name, confident that we are known and
loved by you. Here we draw close to one another and
to you, expecting to be empowered by fresh insights to**

live as your people. We embrace the wholeness you offer and dare to risk acceptance of a healing role for ourselves and this faith community. Equip us for service beyond this hour of meeting. Amen.

***GLORIA: #759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen.**

**SECOND TESTAMENT READINGS: Lay Liturgist
Acts 4:5-12 and 1 John 3:16-24**

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:11-18**

SERMON: "Faith, Love, Follow"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 479 "God is My Shepherd"**

***STATEMENT OF FAITH: NCH 885 (On Screen)**

PASTORAL PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed it be your 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 774

Shepherd lead, lead us in your righteousness,

Make your way plain before my face.

**For it is you, God, you, God only, who makes me to lie
down in safety.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: “Shepherd of Love” John W. Peterson

***DOXOLOGY: # 780**

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.

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION: How can we express
our thanks, O God, for the one who laid down life itself
to witness to your love for all people? We are aware
that many have not experienced that love. We see
their need, and we want to respond. Use what we
offer to you to bring healing and peace to others not of
this fold. Draw us together as one flock in the care of
our shepherd, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: “They’ll Know We are Christians”
(On Screen)**

***BENEDICTION:**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: NCH 812**

Amen, Amen, A – men.

POSTLUDE: “Sing and Rejoice” Randolph Johnston

“Our Worship has ended – Now our Service begins.”



PRAYER LIST: *Today we lift up in prayer the family of Pat Bregen & Larry Cates.*

And prayers for healing: Ardella Morris, LaVerne Kistler, Terry Kissel, Darlene Schaperkoetter, Ted Bauer, Syd Safriet, Tom Petroff, Mary Ann Glen, Russ Hursey, David Seneczyn, Irma Krupp, Jeanette Brown, Carol Bulva, Kaydence & parents, William Bulva

Serving in Christ's Name:

Ministers – All members of St. John UCC

Participants in Today's Worship:

Pastor – Rev. Rosemary Captain

Minister of Music – Sharon Banjavcic

Liturgist – Jan Miller

Ushers – Lew and Silas Thomasino

Activities of the church:

Every Sunday - Adult Sunday school at 8:45 a.m.

Today – ALUMINUM RECYCLING

Also, NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE.

Tuesday – Boy Scouts

Saturday - Memorial service for Dennis Ford at Lakeview followed by a luncheon here at church.