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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OF MONTCLAIR & VERONA**



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**WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICE  
AND APPRECIATE YOUR VIRTUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION.**

April 25, 2021 + Fourth Sunday of Easter + 10:00 AM

**Bolded text** - said in unison by all  
\* If able, please stand where indicated.

**UMH** - *United Methodist Hymnal*

**TFWS** – *The Faith We Sing*

**CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY**

**Prelude**

*"Resting In Jesus" – Ben Logan*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd.

**People: We are the sheep of Christ's pasture.**

Leader: The shepherd makes us lie down in green pastures.

**People: In Christ, we dwell secure.**

Leader: The shepherd leads us beside still waters and restores our soul.

**People: We worship Christ, our shepherd, our gate. Let's worship Him together!**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH 140

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not, as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be  
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

### **Opening Prayer**

Leader: Loving Shepherd, we feel the wolves close at hand. Gather us to yourself, that we might dwell secure in your ways. Deliver us from evil, that we might build a community where all may dwell secure. Mark our fellowship with study, prayer, communion, and the sharing of our possessions with those in need. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**People: O God who labors without ceasing, to bring all people into wholeness and into oneness with you, we confess our reluctance to live in unity with all your people. Help us to overcome the scandal of our pride – the pride of race, creed, class, and color – that your church might be a worthy witness to your good news of love and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Head. Amen.**

(Pausing for Silent Prayer...)

### **Words of Assurance**

Leader: The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep so that the sheep may live. We are part of the flock; we are part of Christ's body. In Christ we find wholeness and restoration. Go forth and share this Good News. Amen.

**People: We are loved and forgiven, even as we love and forgive. Thanks be to God!**

### **Sharing Our Joys & Concerns**

Please share your joys and concerns in any of the following ways:

- Share it in the church's WhatsApp group (First UMC of Montclair).
- Write it as a comment on the wall of the Facebook Livestream.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Children's Message**

Dr. Leslie Lester

### **Responsive Hymn**

*Jesus, Name above All Names*

TFWS 2071

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God Is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

## CALLED TO THE WORD

### **\*Psalter Reading**

### **Psalm 23**

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

Leader: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

### **Hymn of Illumination**

*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

TFWS 2051

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

### **\*Gospel Lesson**

John 10:11-18

Michelle Kim

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

### **Sermon**

**"They Will Know Through Us"**

Rev. Myungim Kim

### **\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**CALLED TO SHARE**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*His Name Is Wonderful*

UMH 174

His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

He is the mighty King, master of everything, His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

He's the Great Shephard, The Rock of all ages, Almighty God is he,

Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him, His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

**\*Sending Forth**

Rev. Myungim Kim

**\*Circle of Blessing**

*Shalom to You*

UMH 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**Postlude**

*"Hail Jesus Christ Our Savior" – Hugh Livingston*

***Please continue to pray for all those affected by the pandemic.***