

**Homily**

*The Lord is my Shepherd*

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**Hymn**

**Benediction**

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**Announcements**

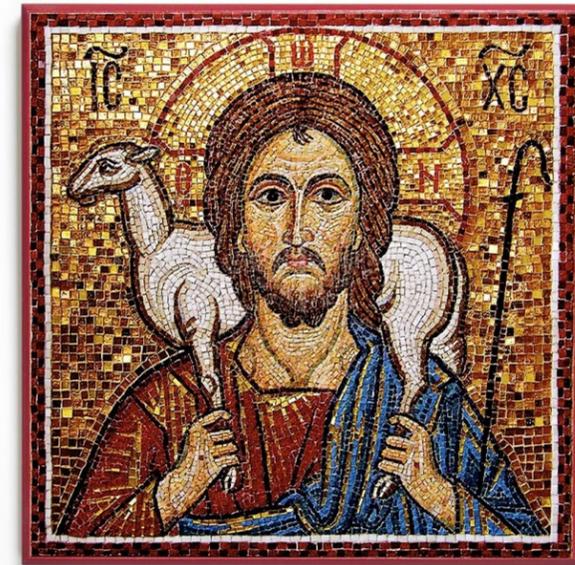
Dear GUMC family and friends,  
I miss you all and am so looking forward to seeing you all in person in the near future. This is a reminder that per Indiana Conference Bishop's direction, GUMC will continue to provide online worship opportunities till May 17 and wait for Bishop's further direction. Please read below:

Bishop Trimble Responds to Revised 'Stay at Home' Order

This week, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb provided a revised 'Stay at Home' order that will last through May 1, 2020, as part of the continuing effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. The governor also announced that the state will slowly begin to re-open some businesses. In a response by Bishop Trimble, he expressed that churches will continue to operate in accordance to the social distancing guidelines mandated in the governor's executive order 20-18, which states that public and private gatherings must consist of ten or fewer persons practicing social distancing.

Furthermore, the bishop shared, "I want you to prepare NOT to be in worship before May 17th. If we receive updates from the governor or health professionals that we have consulted, we will let you know."

The bishop also thanked Indiana United Methodists for their efforts to help slow the spread of the virus, as well as their cooperation during these unique and challenging times.



**Order of Worship  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Words of Welcome**

**Dave Vleck & Dave Penoff**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Shepherd.

**He lays down his life for his sheep.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Shepherd.

**He knows us, and we belong to him.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Shepherd.

**He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

**Let us Pray**

Almighty and ever living God, grant us new strength from the courage of Christ our Good Shepherd and lead us through the difficulties of this life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. **Amen.**

## Hymn

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23, Response 1, UMH 137



#### R. **The Lord is my shepherd, nothing indeed shall I want.**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

#### R. **The Lord is my shepherd, nothing indeed shall I want.**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
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.

#### R. **The Lord is my shepherd, nothing indeed shall I want.**

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

#### R. **The Lord is my shepherd, nothing indeed shall I want.**

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.

#### R. **The Lord is my shepherd, nothing indeed shall I want.**

## Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen. Amen.**

## Prayer ishp

Loving God, we are your people, the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table.

God of goodness and mercy, with boldness we offer prayers to the shepherd of our life. Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church in every place. Although scattered by the virus, gather us together and make us one in ministry and mission to the world so that there will be one flock and one shepherd.

God of goodness and mercy, we pray for the nations of the world, and for this community. Strengthen those who work each day in spite of the danger of the virus. We pray for all those who walk in

darkness, especially for the sick, and those that who are infected with COVID 19. Heal the sick, and comfort all who are suffering. Restore their body, mind, and soul and for those who walk through dark valleys. And lead us to love one another with the love of Jesus. Living God, by your presence, calm us from anxiety or panic, and enable us to live so that the world may come to know the gift of life in Christ our Lord in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Now in confidence, we pray the prayer the Lord has taught us, praying:

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,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Christie Vleck

19 For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.<sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.<sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.<sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.<sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading According to St. John 10:1-10

David Peebles

1 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.<sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.<sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.<sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.<sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

<sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them,

"Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.<sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.<sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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