

# Journal of the Journey

Fourth Sunday  
of Easter  
April 26, 2026



## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*\*please stand as you're able*

### PRELUDE

*Sheep May Safely Graze, J.S. Bach<sup>1</sup>*

### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Look! Signs and wonders are done in our midst.

**All: God is still creating us.**

One: Look! Mighty acts of salvation are seen in our midst!

**All: Jesus has risen and we have hope.**

One: Look! The Spirit of God is guiding our way.

**All: Let us celebrate our abundant life in Jesus Christ.**

#### \*HYMN 441

*Hear the Good News of Salvation, Nettleton<sup>2</sup>*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, we turn to you with our words of confession. Our lives have times of trial. We experience walking through dark valleys of weakness and fear. We imagine our own resourcefulness is enough and we lean into self-reliance. In your mercy, guide us out of the ways that we deceive ourselves and fail to be faithful. Replace our calculating nature with glad and generous hearts. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **\*HYMN 492**

*You Belong to Christ, You Belong to Christ*<sup>3</sup>

You belong to Christ in whom you have been baptized.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (repeat)

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Acts 2:42-47

### **PSALM 23 - HYMN 473**

*Shepherd Me, O God, Shepherd Me*<sup>4</sup>

### **SCRIPTURE**

John 10:1-10

**MISSION WITNESS** - Scouts (Troop 104)

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

After the message, children may go with the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

### **SCRIPTURE**

1 Peter 2:19-25

### **SERMON**

*Shepherd: Protector and Care Giver*

## **\*HYMN 187**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, Bradbury*<sup>5</sup>

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD'S PRAYER**

## **CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING** - *Please also pass the friendship form through the row.*

*Bring coins! All change collected with go to a mission project as chosen by the children.*

### **OFFERTORY**

*The Lord Is My Shepherd, arr. A. Pote*<sup>6</sup>

**\*DOXOLOGY HYMN 607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundred*<sup>7</sup>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;

praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 767

*Together We Serve, San Anselmo*<sup>8</sup>

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The Lord's My Shepherd, arr. R. Haan*<sup>9</sup>  
*The postlude is offered as a grateful thanks to God. We invite you to remain seated as we listen together.*

### Leaders Today

Interim Pastor: Rev. Sara Tonje  
Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman  
The Chancel Choir

Liturgist: Molly Constant  
AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou



Ushers/Greeters: Bob & Betty Bush, Ron Behling, Karen Osborne (Deacon)

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## WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **June 21 Concert at Westminster - Make Music Madison**

Sing with Westminster Presbyterian for Make Music Madison on June 21 at 4:00PM. We invite you to add your voice in harmony! Everyone welcome!

Music available today. Join us for Wednesday rehearsals 5/27-6/17 from 6-7PM.

### **Women's Retreat**

Save the date for the 5th Annual Women's Retreat at Holy Wisdom Monastery. The Rev. Jessica Salt will be leading the retreat on Saturday, September 26.

### **Just Bakery**

Just Bakery returns on **Sunday, May 3rd** with all their goodies. So bring your sweet tooth and your cash to support this worthwhile cause.

## **Calling All Grads!**

If your child or grandchild is graduating from high school or college, we'd love to celebrate them in our June newsletter. Please send their name, school and any plans after graduation to Katie by May 24 at [info@westminstermadison.org](mailto:info@westminstermadison.org). Thanks!

## **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

When: August 3-6; 9am-noon at Christ Presbyterian Church

For: Children grades K and up! (youth and adult volunteers)

All are welcome to this free and engaging camp! More details to come.

## **Church Outing: Nightmares Softball Game**

All are invited to the game on Saturday, June 17th at 6:05pm! Details and sign up to come.

## **Thank You**

Abe and Carrie would like to thank Joel Despain, Janet Sausen, Sophie and Sam for helping at Pres House! These two young ones are the best choppers in the church! Desserts came from Liane Kosaki, Clara Thompson and Lu Kummerow. The students also greatly appreciated the hot dogs & buns from our Mister Rogers cook out!

## **Workday at Joining Forces For Families (2225 Allied Dr # 2) May 12 starting at 9 AM**

Our congregation is a member of Allied Partners. As a partner, we work closely with the other neighborhood service organizations, including Joining Forces for Families (JFF). We have been offered the opportunity to "spruce up" the JFF office in the Allied neighborhood. This work includes yard work, painting and shelf installation. For details and to sign up, see the sheet outside of the MJB lounge. Please contact Eileen Ahearn with questions. Thanks!

## **Congregational Care Updates**

-Did you know that if you're hospitalized, the hospital will not contact the church? If you would like a visit from the pastor or a deacon, please call the church office or contact Kate Fletcher after hours. We want to be there for you.

-We're seeking a tablecloth wrangler: someone willing to organize our collection of tablecloths and launder them occasionally. If you can help, please contact Kate Fletcher.

## **\*IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS\***

**Care List:** Lynn Chapman, Sally & Vern Forsberg, Jack Hamann

**Members & Friends:** Ledger Dalton, Mary Ihlenfeldt and family, Carol Lee & Tom Iverson

**The Memorial for Lee Ihlenfeldt will be Saturday, May 16.** Visitation starts at 9:30am with the service at 11:00am.

**Treat Bakers:** We are in need of desserts (cookies, bars, brownies, fruit) for Lee's memorial. If you are able to help, please sign up on the table outside of the MJB lounge, thanks!