

**First Congregational Church**  
United Church of Christ  
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097  
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The  
**LORD**  
is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Good Shepherd Sunday**  
**Pacific Islander & Asian American Ministries Sunday**  
**April 30, 2023 ~ 9:30 a.m.**

**The Third Sunday of Easter  
Good Shepherd Sunday  
Pacific Islander & Asian American Ministries Sunday  
April 30, 2023 ~ 9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome. We pray that you may be blessed through our worship and fellowship today.**

\* Indicates: Please stand if you are able.

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**We Gather to Worship God**

I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. . . . I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me . . . .

**John 10:9-10, 14 (NRSV)**

I jalike da gate. If anybody trus me, God goin take um outa da bad kine stuff dey stay in, an let um go. Dass jalike dey goin go inside God's place by me, da gate. An dey goin go weaeva dey like an find food fo eat. Da steala guy, he only come fo steal, kill, an bus up da place. But I wen come so da peopo can come alive inside, an live to da max. . . . I jalike one good sheep farma. I know my sheeps, an dey know me . . . .

Da Jesus Book: Hawaii Pigeon New Testament

**Prelude**

**All Sing: God welcomes all! Strangers and friends!**

**God's love is strong! And it never ends!**

Words: John L. Bell; Music: Trad. South African melody

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**Welcome and Announcements**

## Call to Worship

Psalm 23:1-3, 6

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

People: **He makes me lie down in green pastures;**

Pastor: He leads me beside still waters;

People: **He restores my soul.**

Pastor: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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

\*Hymn

***Praise Him! Praise Him!***

CH # 93

Words: Fanny Crosby; Music: Chester Allen

**Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!**

**Sing, O Earth, his wonderful love pro-claim!**

**Hail him! Hail him! Highest arch-angels in glory;  
strength and honor give to his holy name!**

**Like a shepherd Jesus will guard his children,  
in his arms he carries them all day long:**

***Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness;  
praise him! Praise him ever in joyful song!***

**Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!**

**For our sins he suffered, and bled and died;  
he our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
hail him! Hail him! Jesus, the crucified.**

**Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows;  
love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:**

***Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness;  
praise him! Praise him ever in joyful song!***

**Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!**

**Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!**

**Jesus, Savior, reign-eth forever and ever;**

**crown him! Crown him! Prophet and Priest and King!**

**Christ is coming! Over the world victorious, power and glory unto the Lord belong:**

***Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness;  
praise him! Praise him ever in joyful song!***

**\*Invocation (in unison)**

**Psalm 23:4-5**

**Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no ill; for you are with me, O God;  
your rod and your staff — they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Amen.**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Pastor: Christ is risen!**

**People: Yes! I can see him in your face.**

**Choir Anthem**

***It Is Well with My Soul***

**arr. Don Wyrzten**

**Words: Horatio Spofford; Music: P.P. Bliss**

**Time with God's Children**

**Scripture Reading**

**John 10:1-14**

**\*Hymn**

***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

**CH # 558**

**Words: Dorothy Thrupp; Music: Wm. Bradbury**

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

**We are thine; do thou befriend us; be the guardian of our way;  
keep thy flock; from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when we pray;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when we pray.**

**Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.**

**The Good News: *Lessons from a [Mini-Aussie] Shepherd***

Pastor Paul Day

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

**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 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.**

### **The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves to God**

***Worship Ways***

Lord, how can we remember all your creation in this offering? You have given us Your grace and love. You have given us families and friends. You have given us this Church. You give us the new life and growth of springtime, with the reminder of new life in Christ.

### **Offertory**

**\*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)**

***Worship Ways***

**Lord of heaven and earth, accept our offering of love, our gifts and our lives, that the world and all people may praise your name. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

***Called as Partners in Christ's Service***

**CH # 453**

Words: Jane Parker Huber © 1981; Music: John Zundel

**Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and  
worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and  
fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**1 Peter 5:2-4 (CEV)**

Just as shepherds watch over their sheep, you must watch over everyone God has placed in your care. Do it willingly in order to please God, and not simply because you think you must. Let it be something you want to do . . . . Don't be bossy to people . . . but set an example for them. Then when Christ the Chief Shepherd returns, you will be given a crown that will never lose its glory. Amen.

**Postlude**

**We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors**

## Staff

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Offerings can also be made online at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1301940> or text "Give" to 833-751-0314.

## **THIS WEEK\***

Today 2:00 pm, Cumberland Association Spring Meeting

Tue. 10:00 am, Tuesday Gals

Wed. 6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Sat. 9:00 am, Spring Clean-Up (Rain Date: May 13)

### **Next Lord's Day – May 7 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 am, Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am, Worship Service with Holy Communion

11:00 am, Diaconate Meeting

### **Looking ahead . . .**

May 9 – 6:00 pm, Trustees Meeting

May 12 – 7:00 pm, Greater Freeport Community Chorus Concert

May 27 – 9:00 am, Rummage Sale

## **IN OUR PRAYERS\***

**Congregation & Community:** Diana Day, Sandra Hanson Green, Sandra & Vince Golonka, Wayne Malloch, Blanche Mays, Ladd Meyerhoff, Cindy Thompson

**Nation & World:** Sexual Assault Awareness; Autism Awareness; Donate Life Month; gun violence, near and far; Peace in Ukraine and all places of conflict.

\*Please submit items for the Church Calendar or the Prayer List to Pastor Day or Lyn Glassock by Tuesday in order to be included in the bulletin. Thank You.