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**Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ  
Fourth Sunday of Easter | Good Shepherd Sunday | April 30, 2023**



**PILGRIM**  
Congregational Church



**Welcome to Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ  
A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation**

**Statement of Welcome**

*We honor the Biblical call to love one another as God first loved us. We welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people of any race, nationality, religious background, educational background, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, economic status, and physical, mental, and emotional abilities.*

**Mission Statement**

*A welcoming home to all  
spiritual seekers  
Making a difference in our world,  
By fusing our Christian faith with  
everyday life and Serving God by serving others.*

**Children at Pilgrim**

Children are an important part of our worshipping community. We try to make them feel at home!

All are welcome. Professional childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the nursery from 10:15 to the end of the service.

**Please note:** The video of this service is posted online. If you prefer not to be filmed, please sit near the rear of the sanctuary.

**Visual and Hearing Aids**

Hearing devices may be picked up from the table in the narthex.

**Large Print bulletins** and Sermons texts are available.

**Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter | Good Shepherd Sunday | April 30, 2023**

PRELUDE

The Garden Hymn – Douglas Wagner

GREETING

Lesley Morrison

One: Christ is Risen!

**All: Christ is risen, indeed!**

One: God is Good!

**All: All the time!**

One: All the time!

**All: God is Good! Hallelujah!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

\*OPENING HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is – Red Hymnal 80  
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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Lesley Morrison

One: Peace be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

# The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Second Tune

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Based on Psalm 23  
Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

ST. COLUMBA 8.7.8.7  
Ancient Irish Melody

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With

good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
ran - somed soul he lead - eth, And where the ver - dant  
yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der  
thee, dear Lord, be - side me: Thy rod and staff my

I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gen - tly laid, And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me. A - men.

OPENING PRAYER

1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never.

I nothing lack if I am his,  
And he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul he leadeth;  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me;  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me. Amen

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And oh, what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days,  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house forever.



Lesley Morrison

One: We being worship with the familiar words of Psalm 23 intertwined with images of the Risen Christ as our Good Shepherd: Jesus, you are our shepherd.

We shall never want. You make us lie down in green pastures;  
you lead us beside the still waters. You restore our souls.

**All: You guide us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Even though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we fear no evil, for you, Christ, comfort us.**

One: Jesus has prepared a table for us in the presence of our foes; Jesus has anointed us with the oil of salvation; our cup runs over!

**All: Surely, goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, And we will dwell in the house of our Holy Savior forever and ever. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Lesley Morrison

John 10: 1-11

<sup>1</sup>"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. <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

One: Here ends the reading. Hear what the Spirit of God is  
saying to the church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

I Will Remember Thee by Jay Althouse

*Children and Youth are invited to participate in Sunday School at this time.*

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

\*RESPONSE HYMN

I Come to the Garden Alone – Black Hymnal 237

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

## I Come to the Garden Alone

(In the Garden)

John 20:14-18

C. Austin Miles, 1912

1 I come to the gar-den a-lone, while the dew is still on the  
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their  
 3 I'd stay in the gar-den with him, though the night a-round me be

ros-es; And the voice I hear, fall-ing on my ear, the  
 sing-ing; And the mel-o-dy that he gave to me with-  
 fall-ing; But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

*Refrain*  
 Son of God dis-clos-es.  
 in my heart is ring-ing. And he walks with me, and he  
 voice to me is call-ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the  
 joy we share as we tar-ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.

1 I come to the garden alone,  
 While the dew is still on the roses;  
 And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
 The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks  
 with me,  
 and He tells me I am His own,  
 And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
 None other has ever known.

2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
 is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
 And the melody that He gave to me  
 within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

3 I'd stay in the garden with Him  
 Though the night around me be falling;  
 But He bids me go; through the voice of  
 woe,  
 His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

## LORDS PRAYER

**Our Father (Creator), 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.**

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

## OFFERTORY

All of My Days — Richard Bruxvoort Colligan  
with Raghu Amaravadi

## \*DOXOLOGY

Red Hymnal 515

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*or*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Reebee Girash

**Good Shepherd, guide our giving, that all that offer may be used according to your will and your way. Amen.**



# \*CLOSING HYMN

## Alleluia, The Strife is O'er — Red Hymnal 181

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### Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er

Latin: 17th century  
Tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909

VICTORY 8.8.8. with Alleluias  
Arr. from G. P. Sante da Palestrina, 1525-1594  
William H. Monk, 1823-1889

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; The vic - to - ry of  
2 The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their le - gions  
3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, He ris - es glo - rious  
4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, From death's dread sting thy

life is won; The song of tri - umph has be - gun:  
hath dis - persed; Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst:  
from the dead; All glo - ry to our ris - en Head!  
serv - ants free, That we may live and sing to thee:

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

2 The powers of death have done their  
worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

3 The three sad days are quickly sped;  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

4 Lord, by the stripes which wounded  
thee,  
From death's dread sting thy servants  
free,  
That we may live and sing to thee.

Alleluia! Amen

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS

## INSTALLATION AND BLESSING OF OFFICERS AND CHURCH COUNCIL

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C – JS Bach

*\*Please be in a posture of praise*

A special Thank You to our Zoom host, Doug Johnston and to our Liturgist, Lesley Morrison.

## SOURCE NOTES

Our Call to Worship was adapted from Psalm 23 by Rev. Marilyn Kennedy Levine, a United Church of Christ pastor in the Northern Plains Conference.

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## *Call to Annual Organizational Meeting Today*

To all Pilgrim Church Members and Friends,

Pursuant to our Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2, you are invited to the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Church on Sunday, April 30th, 2023, at 11:45 am or earlier, immediately following the Worship Service.

### Agenda:

Presentation of the recommended slate of 2023-2024 Council officers: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer

Congregational approval of 2023-2024 Council officers

Any other pertinent matters that may arise

Everyone is invited to attend; only members may vote. Council expects this will be a very brief meeting. Child care will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Boehm, Clerk

*Call to Congregational Meeting May 7, 2023*

To all Pilgrim Church Members and Friends,

Pursuant to our Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2, you are invited to a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 7th, 2023, at 11:45 am or earlier, immediately following the Worship Service.

Agenda:

Presentation of a proposed solar installation plan

Open forum for questions and answers

Congregational vote on proposed plan

Everyone is invited to attend; only members may vote. Child care will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Boehm, Clerk

