



*“A Lighthouse Guiding  
People to Christ”*

EASTER  
WORSHIP  
SERIES

# Listen to My Voice

LIVING THE RESURRECTION



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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

WELCOMING OF GUESTS

Pastor

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP / CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Liturgist

(Inspired by Psalm 23, John 10)

*Liturgist: I AM the good shepherd.*

**Congregation: The one who tends us, guides us into pastures, who recognizes the sounds of our names.**

*Liturgist: I AM the good shepherd.*

**Congregation: The one who bends to heal us, travels through the deepest valleys with us, and who gives up everything for us.**

*Liturgist: I AM the good shepherd*

**Congregation: The one whose rod and staff comfort us, whose strength and love holds us, and whose cup of love runneth over.**

*Liturgist: I AM the good shepherd, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

**Congregation: Let us gather here, God's People, in God's love for God's world.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Let It Breathe On Me*

UMH #503

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Easter

Affirmation

Liturgist

Your light is the only light we need as we travel through life's mystery. Your word is the only voice we hear. That still small voice that leads us to the place where we should be. Your presence is the only company we need as we walk this narrow road. Your fellowship is the warmth we crave to help us on our way. May the truth of

Easter, the joy of Easter, and the blessings of Easter be with us this day and all days. Amen

\*GLORIA PATRI  
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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 23 (NKJV)

Liturgist

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

*Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

God, thank You for sending Your Son to be our good shepherd. He gave His life for us. Help us to follow Him and trust Him to protect us from the evil one. In Jesus' name, Amen.

GOSPEL

READING

John

10:11-18

(NKJV)

Liturgist

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> "But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> "The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. <sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep and* am known by My own. <sup>15</sup> "As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. <sup>18</sup> "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

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**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON ANTHEM  
Choir

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs*

MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE  
Pastor

*If you have a prayer need or praise that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect the cards during the song and pray over the cards at the chancel rail.*

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION  
3) UMH #454

*Open My Eyes, That I May See* (v. 1-3)

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

## SERMON

Pastor

**Title:** Living the Resurrection

**Theme:** Listen to My Voice

**Purpose:** The real question for us today is not, “Will God speak to me, to us today?”

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Based on John 10:11-18)

**Ever-present God who speaks in thunder and earthquakes and in the softest whisper: we long to hear your voice over all the noise of the world this day. In a world so divided and polarized, we need to hear not only the voice of the Shepherd but the cries of other sheep who are being marginalized, forgotten, and abandoned. May the gifts we offer today be our response to hearing the one who speaks in the language of love and compassion. In his holy name, Amen.**

## PASSING THE PLATE

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All*

*Blessings*

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\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

*They'll Know We Are Christians* (v. 1-

4)

CEL #429

\*COMMISSION / BENEDECTION (Based on Psalm 23, John 10)

Pastor

*Go now with your trust in the good shepherd, and let us love, not just in words, but in truth and action. Believe in the name of Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he has commanded us. And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death. May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life. And may the Holy Spirit abide in you and*

*tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE  
*Fellowship*

*Love and*  
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POSTLUDE

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and  
in honor of the 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday of Franklin  
Chaires  
D.V.*