

Ephraim Moravian Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Order of Service

“Clair de lune” - by Claude Debussy

Welcome & Announcements

“I’ve got Peace, like a River” - Traditional Spiritual

Watchword for the Week: *Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”* - John 10:11

Hymn #720: “The Lord’s my Shepherd” (v. 1, 3 & 5)

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green, he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale
Yet will I fear no ill
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
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And staff me comfort still.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me
And in God’s house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.
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My dwelling place shall be.

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer
Congregational Sung Response (#476) :

*His name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord!
He is the mighty King, master of everything
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord!
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages
Almighty God is He!
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord! Amen.*

The Holy Scriptures: Psalm 23
John 10: 11-18

Reflection

“Berceuse” - by Gabriel Fauré

Sermon

Benediction

“Norwegian Dance” - by Edvard Grieg

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Reflection: “Listen Up!” - by Pastor Dan G. Olson

Sheep have never been known as the brightest animals on earth. The phrase “as dumb as a shed full of sheep” comes to mind. When I was a kid on the farm down in Iowa I enjoyed being in the pasture where we had sheep. It was fun feeding little lambs out of a baby bottle. That is, however, until a ewe knocked me over with a bunt to the rump. Yes, it really happened.

One refined skill sheep have is listening. It was common for shepherds to combine their flocks together in the sheepfold. How in the world, one might ask, could they tell the sheep apart? A shepherd had only to call for his sheep, and his sheep and his sheep only would listen to his voice. That was their good shepherd, they would follow no other.

If ever there was a time when we needed a good shepherd, it is now. Jesus describes the advance of wolves intent on snatching the sheep and scattering them while the hired help hightail it. Is there any doubt we are invaded by wolves? The wolves of pandemics? The wolves of brutal gun violence? The wolves of severe racial injustice? The wolves of hunger and rupture in families and individuals?

Oh Dear Lord, help us to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, Jesus our Lord! May all people, everywhere, hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to safety and peace.

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Pastor.....Dawn Volpe
Music Director.....Colin Welford
Guest Singers.....Mylo, Theo & Angela Sherman
Guest Pianist.....Betsy DiFelice
Lay Reader.....Angela Sherman



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