



Worship Moment **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Fairlawn-West
United Church of Christ
May 2, 2021

Welcome

Holy Communion: The Bread of Life

You may wish to prepare ahead of time bread and juice, or whatever you have available.

Opening Prayer

We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,
who calls us each by name, who restores our souls,
who leads us in the way of righteousness,
and whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us.
This is the God we have come to worship! Amen.

Song of Spiritual Devotion: Shepherd

Scripture: John 10.11-16 (CEB)

Scripture Reflection: Rev. Debbie Rhinesmith, Pastor

Song of Spiritual Purpose: One Lord

Holy Communion: The Cup of Blessing

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us.
When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love,
fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table.
We embrace the wholeness you offer. Now, help us grow in love that is genuine in its caring
and self-sacrifice. Equip us for service in your name beyond this time of meeting that
we may dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

Commission

Go forth into the world and be of good courage.
Hold fast to that which is good, render to no person evil for evil,
strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people.
Love and serve God rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Benediction

And may the peace of God, which is beyond our understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus who is Lord of all.

We thank Steve Rhinesmith and Karen Myers for providing music for worship.

Invitations

*Council has set the dates of May 9 and 23 for in-person worship in our sanctuary.
We will continue mask-wearing and physical distancing in worship.
Live-streaming via FaceBook will also be available on those Sundays.

At their next meeting in late May, Council will determine our summer worship schedule.
*Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 23, after worship. You can participate in-person or via a secure Zoom link that will be provided by Friday, May 21.

Shepherd

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You are my shepherd - what more could I need
Now that the Lord of creation is carefully fathering me
God of all comfort – covenant grace
All of my fears are removed as I gaze at the love in your face

Chorus:

You are the Lord of my life – lovingly covering me
Your gracious favor is all that I ever will need
You are my shepherd – oh – oh – oh – oh
You are my shepherd – oh – oh – oh – oh

Son of the highest – you shepherd my soul
And I am ever in awe as I graciously dwell in your fold
Perfect in wisdom – unveiling the way
Your fortress of righteousness guarding my heart as I trust and obey

Chorus

You are my shepherd – oh – oh – oh – oh
You are my shepherd – oh – oh – oh – oh

Scripture: John 10.11-16 (Common English Bible)

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
12 When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That’s because he isn’t the shepherd; the sheep aren’t really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. **13** He’s only a hired hand and the sheep don’t matter to him.
14 “I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me,
15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep.
16 I have other sheep that don’t belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd....”

One Lord

Lori True

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Chorus:

One Lord, one faith, one call to serve each other
One heart, one mind, one common ground
We stand all as one

Give us new hands, open and free
To serve with grace and dignity
Give us new eyes, loving and wise
To seek the good we all have inside
May we be worthy of our call
We have but

Chorus

Give us new hearts, humble yet strong –
To love like you our whole life long
Breathe out your spirit upon the land –
In hope and peace we'll firmly stand
To live lives worthy of our call –
We have but

Chorus