

WELCOME! We're Glad You're Here!

* Indicates Standing

LITURGIST: Sis. Ann Marie Beckford

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP (UMC Discipleship)**

L: Easter people, we gather to worship and to listen, to learn the sound, the feel, the cadence of the Shepherd's voice.

P: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

L: We gather to worship and to discern, to learn how to recognize our Shepherd's voice amidst the chaos and noise of our lives.

P: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

L: We gather to worship and to find shelter, to learn to trust our Shepherd's voice to guide us to safety and provide for us in all things.

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L: Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus who guides us, protects us, provides for us, and draws us together in community.

P: We come to worship as the family of Christ, a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "All People That on Earth..." UMH
75

OPENING PRAYER Sis. Gail Dixon

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (*in unison*): Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness

and death, journey beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

WELCOME & GREETINGS

PASSING OF THE PEACE: *Let us greet each other with signs of love and peace: "The Peace of the Lord Jesus be with you."*

***PSALTER** Psalm 100 UMH 821 Sis. Daisy
Morrison

FIRST READING 1 Peter 2: 19-25 Bro. Makhai
Walton

JOYS, CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Gracious Shepherd, you call us to follow in the steps of Christ, who suffered with patience, trust, and love. Yet we confess we resist this path. When wronged, we seek revenge instead of grace. When we suffer, we complain rather than trust you. When called to do good, we grow weary and turn away. Like sheep, we have wandered from your ways, seeking our own comfort and control. Forgive us for the sins we carry and the love we have withheld. By your mercy, bring us back. Heal us by Christ's wounds, restore us to your fold, and lead us in his way of faithful love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Though we once went astray, we have returned to the Shepherd of our souls. In Jesus Christ, who bore our sins on the cross, we are forgiven. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*PRAISE & WORSHIP

"He Has Made Me Glad" TFWS 2270

"Lead Me, Guide Me" TFWS 2214

***GOSPEL READING** John 10: 1-10 Sis. Adrienne Valentine

SERMONIC HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd..." UMH 381

MESSAGE "Hope For Wandering Sheep!" Rev. Dr. Chinma Uche

TITHES & OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

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:** Faithful Shepherd, you call us by name and lead us into a life of meaning, joy, compassion, and service. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust. Use them to bless your people, feed the hungry, and strengthen the lost, as your love is shared.

Shape us to be more like Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

***CLOSING HYMN** "He Lives" UMH 310

*BENEDICTION

Welcome to

Bloomfield  **United Methodist Church**
Sharing the Abundant Life in Christ

4th Sunday of Easter

He is not here

RISEN

April 26, 2026

11:00am

REV. DR. CHINMA UCHE

Saleena Bascomb - Music Director

Rev. Thomas J. Bickerton - Resident Bishop

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair - District Superintendent

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