



**First United Methodist Church  
Andover**

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**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

PRELUDE

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness; Runyan, arr. Raney*

WELCOME

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

128 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O  
2. Some - times mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some -  
3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor  
4. And when my task on earth is done, when

words with heav - en - ly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher -  
times where E - den's bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters still, o'er  
ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine; con - tent, what - ev - er  
by thy grace the vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I

e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
trou - bled sea, still 'tis his hand that lead - eth me.  
lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.  
will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

*Refrain*

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me, by

WORDS: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862 (Ps. 23)  
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1864

HE LEADETH ME  
LM with Refrain



\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the good news—the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God’s people.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

**People: Hallelujah!**

\* OPENING PRAYER

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

***People Need The Lord; McHugh/Nelson, arr. Hayes***

*There are several ways you can give financially. 1) Online at [AndoverLex.org](http://AndoverLex.org);  
2) By texting ACG to 84321; 3) In the box at the back of the sanctuary;  
4) By mail to the church office at 200 W. High Street, Lexington, KY 40507*

*We would love to know how we can pray with and for you. Prayer requests can be submitted using prayer cards in the seatbacks or by texting your request to 859-274-9471. Prayer cards will be collected during the hymn of prayer later in worship. They will be taken to our prayer chapel, where they will be prayed over by one of our Prayer Intercessors and then added to our prayer list for prayer throughout the week.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4:5-12, CEB

<sup>5</sup>The next day the leaders, elders, and legal experts gathered in Jerusalem,

<sup>6</sup>along with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and others from the high priest's family.

<sup>7</sup>They had Peter and John brought before them and asked, "By what power or in what name did you do this?"

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, answered, "Leaders of the people and elders,

<sup>9</sup>are we being examined today because something good was done for a sick person, a good deed that healed him?"

<sup>10</sup>If so, then you and all the people of Israel need to know that this man stands healthy before you because of the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead.

<sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone you builders rejected; he has become the cornerstone!

<sup>12</sup>Salvation can be found in no one else. Throughout the whole world, no other name has been given among humans through which we must be saved."

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAYER (Verses 1,2,6)

# 138 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3. Per - verse and fool - ish, oft I strayed, but yet in  
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear  
5. Thou spreadst a ta - ble in my sight; thy unc - tion  
6. And so through all the length of days, thy good - ness

fail - eth nev - er. I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth; and where the ver - dant  
love he sought me; and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my  
grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port  
fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I

I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!  
sing thy praise with - in thy house for - ev - er.

WORDS: Henry W. Baker, 1868 (Ps. 23)  
MUSIC: Irish Melody; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

<sup>16</sup>This is how we know love: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

<sup>17</sup>But if someone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but refuses to help—how can the love of God dwell in a person like that?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let's not love with words or speech but with action and truth.

<sup>19</sup>This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts in God's presence.

<sup>20</sup>Even if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knows all things.

1 John 3:16-24, CEB

<sup>21</sup>Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence in relationship to God.

<sup>22</sup>We receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love each other as he commanded us.

<sup>24</sup>Those who keep his commandments dwell in God and God dwells in them. This is how we know that he dwells in us, because of the Spirit he has given us.

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

***Come To Me All Who Labor (Purifoy)***

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*At this time children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade may go to Kid's Worship. This is a time of worship geared to our young ones. We do welcome children to remain in worship with their families. We want to support families in whatever works best for you!*

## \* GOSPEL READING

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

<sup>12</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>He's only a hired hand and the sheep don't matter to him.

<sup>14</sup>"I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me,

John 10:11-18, CEB

<sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep.

<sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>"This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again.

<sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father."

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### INVITATION

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

**People:** **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People:** **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All:** **Glory to God. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EASTER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Leader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



HYMN OF RESPONSE

672 God Be with You till We Meet Again

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; by his  
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; neath his  
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's  
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's

coun-sels guide, up - hold you, with his sheep se - cure - ly  
 wings se - cure - ly hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro-  
 per - ils thick con - found you, put his arms un - fail - ing  
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - ening wave be -

fold you;  
 vide you;  
 round you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 fore you;

*Refrain*  
 Till we meet, till we meet, till we  
 (till we meet, till we meet a - gain)

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, (till we meet, (till we meet,

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880  
 MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

GOD BE WITH YOU  
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CLOSING OF WORSHIP

till we meet,  
 till we meet a - gain) God be with you till we meet a - gain.

\* BENEDICTION

\* DOXOLOGY

**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.**

POSTLUDE

***His Name Is Wonderful; Mieir, arr. Bock***

\* Please stand as you are able.

#### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preacher:	Rev. Chad Foster
Liturgists:	Phillip Maddox, Darren Wallace, Jake Tecau
Acolyte:	Josiah Foster
Crucifer:	Sam Hassman
Bible Bearer:	Rex Hassman
Children's Moment:	Kathy Edwards
Kids Worship:	Joni Meade
Minister of Music:	Janell Hamilton
Accompanist:	Susan Jones

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#### **Pastor's Note**

Siblings in Christ,

This Easter Season, we are taking our next steps in discipleship, community, and finances.

One of the steps we discussed on Sunday is taking the next step in the community. The church is not meant to be a collection of individual silos of discipleship but instead a unified body growing together in God's grace.

We encourage everyone to look at ways you might take the next step in the community. Could you invite someone out to lunch to get to know them? Join a class or activity if you have yet to do so. Talk to Darren about becoming an Andover buddy for one of our children or youth. Perhaps you want to get to know someone who sits near you at church, or maybe you want to serve as a greeter and force yourself to learn names. Whether you are brand new to Andover or have been here for years, we can grow in the community.

If you need help with how to proceed, please schedule a meeting with me so we can process together. Know that my heart is with you, and my prayers are for you.

Blessings,



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PS - A few weeks ago we talked about the budget in general. We wanted to share about each of the major budget areas over the coming weeks. See below for more about our programming budget.

### **Programming**

If you have attended worship, had a child in Children's ministry or the youth group, fellowshiped at one of our meals, or received food after a funeral, you have participated in the programs of the church.

We intentionally budget money towards the ongoing ministry of the church.

Children, Youth, Music, Fellowship, and Connections...all have an annual budget to support the particular ministries.

Programming is one of our three major budget lines at Andover with 4% of our total budget allocated for these ministry areas.

Sheet music for the choir and bells, curriculum for our children, food for the youth, fried chicken for our lunches, books for our classes and groups, plus so much more, all fall in this budget area.

Our staff and lay leaders work hard to steward the budgeted funds for the sake of the ministry of the church.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our budget... It is because of your faithfulness we are able to do the things we do!

Each Sunday, someone will be at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Hall after worship, ready to answer any questions you might have.



### **Lunch on the Grounds - April 21**

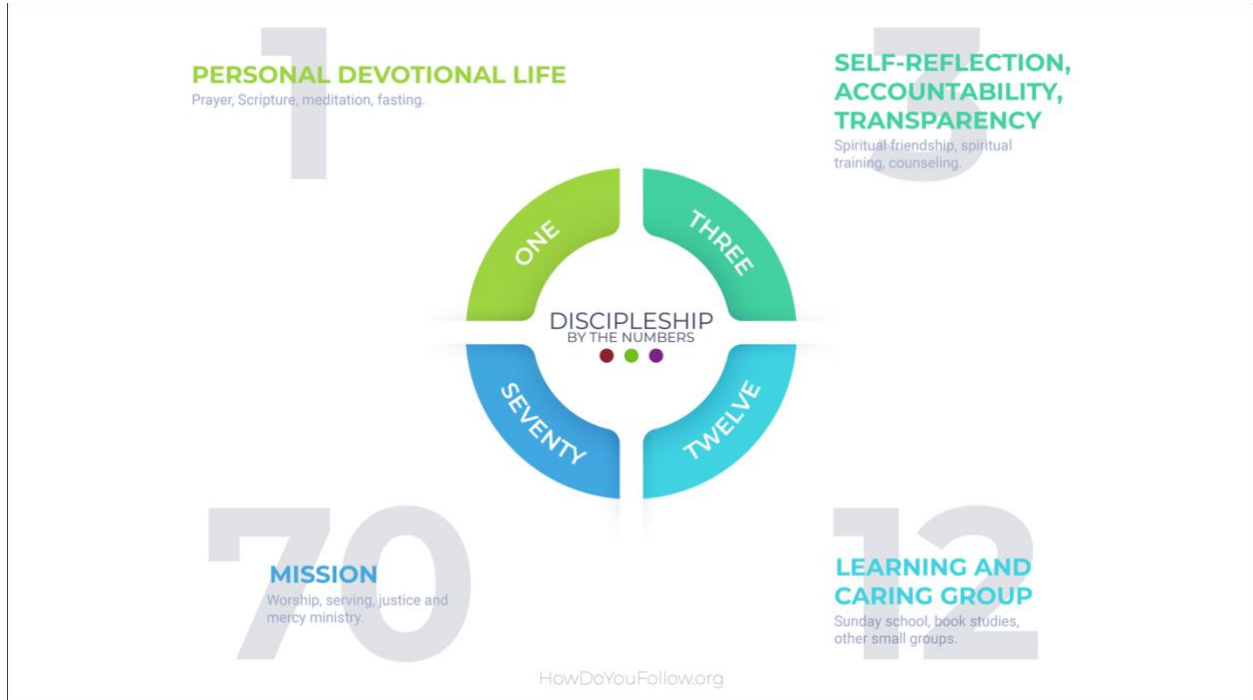
Join us for lunch on the grounds today. We will eat around 12:30 PM after worship. The church will provide fried chicken, drinks, and all paper products. If you have brought a side or dessert to share, that is wonderful. If you did not bring anything, please stay. There will be enough food!

## 70 - Baby Sprinkle for Jake and Lauren Tecau – April 28

Lauren Tecau, the wife of Jake Tecau, our Andover Youth Pastor, is expecting a baby boy at the end of May. As a community, we are organizing a "baby sprinkle" for them on April 28 at 1:00 PM. The event is aimed at helping them prepare for their new arrival by providing them with some newborn essentials such as boy's clothes, diapers and wipes, and swaddlers.

### Three Ways to Find More Information

- 1) If you have an Apple or Android phone or tablet, we have an app. Search your app store for "Church Center." Once you have it installed it will ask you to find your church. Look for "First United" in the "40509" and it will be the first church that comes up!
- 2) From a web-browser visit <https://1stumc.churchcenter.com/>
- 3) We have updated our website itself to link directly to everything we are doing. Visit us at [AndoverLex.org](http://AndoverLex.org).



At First United Methodist Church, we have structured our approach to discipleship based on how Jesus practiced it. Jesus had a "1" - a personal relationship with God the Father. He also had a "3" - Peter, James, and John, who were his closest disciples and with whom he shared his deepest thoughts and feelings. Additionally, Jesus had the "12" who learned from him and cared for each other. Finally, Jesus united the "70" in a common worship and mission. For more information scan the code below.

