

Announcements

- Children and youth are invited to Faith Formation class following the Passing of the Peace. We also have a hugging room at the back of the sanctuary for parents with young children to use as desired.
- Jan Fadden, Parish Nurse is here today to provide health checks.
- Join our hybrid Bible Study on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Jim if you would like to receive a Zoom link to join virtually.
- GPC Women's book club will be meeting at LuAnn Miller's house on Tuesday 4/28/26 at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2026

PRELUDE "Settings of Brother James' Air" Dale Wood, Harold Darke

WELCOME MB/GPC

OPENING WORSHIP/ DANCE MB

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd; I know my own, and my own know me" (John 10:14). In confession, we trust God to know us fully: the good and the bad, the faithful and the sinful. But we also know God's faithfulness, God's mercy, and God's power to redeem us and lead us into new life. Trusting in this promise, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like stubborn sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ's redeeming love that we may enter your Beloved Community and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of abiding with you forevermore. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: The proof God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ came to us; Christ died for us; and Christ rose from the dead so that the gates of hell and heaven may be thrown open wide and all of creation renewed. So believe the good news:

*please rise in body or spirit

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored to new, abundant life. Alleluia! Amen!

CHOIR ANTHEM

“The Apple Tree”

arr. K.Lee Scott

*The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compare with Christ, the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excell:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ, the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now can see
'Tis found in Christ, the apple tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keep my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ, the apple tree.
With Jesus Christ, the apple tree.*

PEACE OF CHRIST

HYMN #319

“Spirit”

Refrain

Spirit Spirit of gentleness, Blow through the wilderness, Calling and free
Spirit Spirit of restlessness, Stir me from placidness, Wind wind on the sea

Verse 1

You moved on the waters, You called to the deep
Then You coaxed up the mountains, From the valleys of sleep
And over the eons, You called to each thing
Wake from your slumbers, And rise on your wings **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

You swept through the desert, You stung with the sand
And You goaded Your people, With a law and a land
And when they were blinded, With their idols and lies
Then You spoke through Your prophets, To open their eyes **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill
Then You whispered in silence, When the whole world was still
And down in the city, You called once again
When You blew through Your people, On the rush of the wind **(Refrain)**

Verse 4

You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes
From the bondage of sorrow, The captives dream dreams
Our women see visions, Our men clear their eyes
With bold new decisions, Your people arise **(Refrain)**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:11-18

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MESSAGE

Rev. Jim Pazan

John 10:11-18

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

HYMN #387 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Verse 1

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
 In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Verse 2

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
 Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

Verse 3

Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will;
 Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

OFFERING	“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”	Dale Wood
PRAYER		MB
CLOSING SONG		MB
BENEDICTION/BLESSING		MB/GPC
Postlude	“Allegro Moderato”	Flor Peeters

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