



First United Methodist Church of Riverside (<https://firstchurchriverside.org>)

April 25, 2021: Fourth Sunday of Easter

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE (Livestream): 10:00 AM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* (by Dale Wood) / Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS / Robert Phillips, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2, John 10) / Mateo Mamea, Liturgist
(Liturgist) We were lost and going astray.

(All) The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters.

(Liturgist) But now we return to our shepherd.

(All) He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

(Liturgist) We have heard the call of the guardian of our souls.

(All) Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for thou art with me.

(Liturgist) This is the gate of our shepherd, the door to eternal life.

(All) Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen!

OPENING HYMN: #381 *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* (Verses 1, 2 and 4 only) (Words attr. to Dorothy A. Thrupp; Music by William B. Bradbury) / All (Led by Peggy McMeans, Hymn Leader; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

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

We are thine, thou dost befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Verse 4

Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us do thy will;
blessed 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.

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER / Rev. J. T. Kim
Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) / All (Led by Pastor J. T. Kim)

Merciful shepherd, give us the grace to love as you love. Give us the courage to love people who frighten us. Grant us the mercy to love with the same great love you have for us. Guide us as we learn to hear and welcome different voices. Love through us, that we may welcome and include every person to your community of love. Awaken our hearts to your generosity, when we neglect to embrace and include others. Forgive us when our love is absent, and renew your love in our hearts, that our love may expand and enfold all of your people on earth. In your love and grace, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME / Mateo Mamea

INTERLUDE: *"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"* (American folk melody, arranged by Gayla Lonsbery and Robert Phillips) / Bell Quartet

GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18 (NRSV) / Mateo Mamea, Liturgist

Jesus the Good Shepherd

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. ¹³The 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."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

(All) Glory to You, O Christ! Amen!

INTERLUDE: *"My God, How Endless Is Thy Love"* (by Gordon Young) / Peggy McMeans, Soloist; Accompanied by Robert Phillips

SERMON: "ONE FLOCK, ONE SHEPHERD" / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

HYMN OF DEDICATION: #136 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (Scottish Psalter, Psalm 23; Music by Jesse Seymour Irvine, harm. by TCL. Pritchard) / All (Led by Peggy McMeans; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Verse 3

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.

Verse 4

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Verse 5

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Mateo Mamea, Liturgist

(Liturgist) The good shepherd calls us to love one another.

(All) We come with generosity in our hearts.

(Liturgist) The shepherd of love calls us to give to those in need.

(All) We come in gratitude to share what we have.

(Liturgist) The gate to the Most High calls us to be a blessing.

(All) We come to share God's blessings with the world. Amen!

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DOXOLOGY #95 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* / All (Led by Peggy McMeans, Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

**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 THANKSGIVING (UNISON) / All (Led by Mateo Mamea, Liturgist)
Loving shepherd, as you have fed us in green pastures and quenched our thirst beside still waters, may the gifts we bring this day be food and drink, and shelter and warmth, to a world in need; may our offering reach into places of despair, and show the world that there is a shepherd who brings comfort and hope. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: #314 *"In the Garden"* (Verses 1 and 3 only) (By C. Austin Miles; Adapted by Charles H. Webb) / All (Led by Peggy McMeans; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

**I come to the garden alone
while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear
the Son of God discloses.**

Refrain

**And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there
none other has ever known.**

Verse 3

**I'd stay in the garden with him
though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe
his voice to me is calling. [Refrain]**

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION / Led by Rev. J. T. Kim
(Pastor) Go now to love, even when love involves risk.
(All) **We go now to love, as God loves us.**
(Pastor) Go now to care, even when caring is hard.

(All) We go now to care, as God cares for us.

(Pastor) Go now to love, in truth and in action.

(All) By this we are known as children of God. Amen!

POSTLUDE: *“The Lord Is My Faithful Shepherd”* (By Johann Pachelbel) / Robert Phillips,
Organist

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