

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SOMERVILLE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

Worship 10 AM

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/986500515>

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Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Praise Him! Praise Him!"</i>	<i>Charity Boyles</i>
Candle Lighting		
Introit	<i>"O Savior of the World"</i>	<i>Charles Callahan</i>
Greeting		
Special Music	<i>"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"</i>	<i>Barbara Kinyon</i>

*Call to Worship

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Blessings and honor are yours, O God.

Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

*Hymn

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

UMH #381

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.

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.

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! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

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.

***Invocation**

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you have gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day in the glorious light of Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

Handbells *"Meditation on Beautiful Savior"*

Cathy Moglebust

Proclamation and Response

Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Shepherd of Souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. **Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

Revelation 7:9-17

pew Bible page 1122

John 10:22-30

pew Bible page 978

*Hymn

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

UMH #474

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.

Refrain:

Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall. (Refrain)

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand. (Refrain)

Sermon

Offertory Prayer

Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness; your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

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*Doxology *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

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.**

Joys and Concerns

Choir Anthem *"We Shall Rise!"*

arr. Stan Pethel

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Sending Forth

*Hymn *"Marching to Zion"*

UMH #733

Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain:

We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;

but children of the heavenly King,
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad,
may speak their joys abroad.
(Refrain)

The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets.
(Refrain)

Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high.
(Refrain)

*Benediction

Go forth to follow paths of righteousness; go forth to follow paths of peace; and may God's goodness and mercy follow you as you serve the risen Lord. May Christ the Good Shepherd bless and guide you this day and always. **Amen.**

*Handbells "*Ukrainian National Anthem*"

John Werneke

*Postlude "*Alleluia! Alleluia!*"

arr. Edward Broughton





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