

# *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*April 26, 2026*

Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

The 4th Sunday of Easter April 26, 2026

Call to Worship (from Psalm 23)

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want.

**People: He leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.**

L: When we walk through the darkest valleys, we will not fear.

**P: For you are with us; Your rod and Your staff comfort us.**

L: You prepared a table before us in the presence of our enemies.

**P: You anoint our heads with oil; our cups overflow.**

L: Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives.

**P: And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

L: Come, let us worship the Good Shepherd who leads us, restores us, and stays with us.

**ALL: With grateful hearts, we come to worship the Lord!**

\*Opening Hymn “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Page 139

Opening Prayer

Children’s Sermon

Prayer of Confession. (From John 10)

Leader: Let us pray...Good Shepherd, you call us by name and lead us into life,

**People: yet we confess that we do not always listen.**

**We chase after voices that do not give life—  
voices of fear, pride, and distraction.**

L: We follow paths that lead us away from You,  
seeking fulfillment in places that leave us empty.

**P: You have set before us the gate that leads to life,  
yet we try to climb in another way— trusting in ourselves,  
relying on our own strength,**

L: forgetting our need for your guidance.

**P: Forgive us, Lord. When we wander, bring us back.  
When we are lost, find us.**

L: When we are afraid, remind us that you are near.

**P: Help us to recognize your voice above all others,  
to trust where you lead,**

L: and to follow you with willing hearts.

**ALL: Lead us into the abundant life You promise—  
a life shaped by your grace, guarded by your presence,  
and filled with your peace. In the name of Jesus, our  
Good Shepherd, we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news: Jesus says, “I am the gate.

Whoever enters through me will be saved.

They will come in and go out, and find pasture.”

The Good Shepherd knows you by name.

He does not turn you away—He calls you home.

In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are welcomed, restored, and led into abundant life.

No longer lost, no longer alone— you belong to Him.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Offering “The Lord is My Shepherd” by Keith Green

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\*Hymn “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” Page 128

Scripture Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:23-25 John 10: 1-11

Sermon: *Listening to the Shepherd's Voice*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

\*Closing Hymn “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Page 381

Benediction

Lay Readers

8:30 am: Allen Morell

10:00 am: Linda Fermino

Coffee Hour

Jackie Schrafft

Lisa Kerkorian

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our Solarium. If this is your first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.

## *Church Happenings*

The Spring Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 9 am till 2pm.

The next Church Council Meeting will be on Wednesday April 29, at 7pm in the Solarium. Zoom ID 899 3150 1754 Passcode 582 665.

Housing Assistance Corp. 3 mile Walk Sunday, May 31 at 1:00 pm. Leaving Veteran's Memorial Park in Hyannis. Register online or at start at 12:00 pm.

Our holiday fair workshop will have a "soft opening" on Tuesday, may 5th. Please come at 9:00am for coffee and cookies. We will begin planning for our November 21st Holiday Fair, "Cookie Cutter Christmas. Susan DeMartino

Bring in Quilts for Mother's Day, May 10, in Memory or Honor of a loved one. Due by May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Men's Fellowship Group every Tuesday 10 am – 11 am.

Bible Study on Thursdays at 10 am. All are Welcome!

Lend a Hand is looking for more volunteers. We meet every Monday morning at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to participate.

The Annex will be open on Tuesdays from 9:00 am till 12:00 to accept donations for the upcoming yard sales in the spring of 2026. Our First Yard Sales this year will be on Saturdays, May 23. Any questions, please call Priscilla Tinsley 978-337-0408..

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*When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.*

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

*- John 10: 4,10-11*

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