

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.



*QR Code for Nursery
Sign-In and Out Log*
Desiree Davis-Omburo

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Chiming the Trinity

Call to Worship (Psalm 23)
The LORD is my shepherd.

Sarah Bender

I lack nothing.
² **He lets me rest in grassy meadows;**
he leads me to restful waters;
³ **he keeps me alive.**
He guides me in proper paths
for the sake of his good name.

⁴ **Even when I walk through the darkest valley,**
I fear no danger because you are with me.
Your rod and your staff—
they protect me.

⁵ **You set a table for me**
right in front of my enemies.
You bathe my head in oil;
my cup is so full it spills over!

⁶ **Yes, goodness and faithful love**
will pursue me all the days of my life,
and I will live in the LORD's house
as long as I live.

† **Opening Song** “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” by Matt Redman

The children may proceed to the nursery with volunteers as this time.

Prayer of Confession Sarah Bender
Lord, our Shepherd, in Whom we shall not want, and yet we confess we

consumed with wanting more, and we have sought greener pastures, unsatisfied with our lot. We confess to have gone down paths that were not Your desire for us and have led to harm. Please grant us forgiveness for our sins, and lead us back down right paths for Your name's sake. While you lead us through the darkest of valleys, we confess we do find ourselves afraid and in need of your comfort. May we dwell in Your house at peace with You, ourselves, and our neighbors, again. Amen.

My friends, the Lord is our Good Shepherd and has good for us. Even when we wander astray like lost sheep, our Good Shepherd left the 99 to come and find us and bring us back home. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven and while we may waver, God's care and love for us never wavers!

Peace of Christ

At this time, you may stand and greet your neighbor offering signs of peace.

† **Song**

“Step by Step”

TFWS 3004

Prayer for Illumination

Sarah Bender

Loving and Shepherding God, we pray that in the reading of your Word that we may be attentive to Your voice speaking to us. Help us to recognize, discern, and go where You are leading us. Lead us, as we follow Your Voice, into ways of listening that lead to abundant life. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

John 10:1-10

Sarah Bender

One: this is the Word of God for us the people of God. **Many: Thanks be to God!**

The Offering and Hymn

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

UMH 138



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

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Doxology

Prayer over the Offering

Sermon

Rev. Adam Benson

Prayers of the People

At this time, folks are invited to lift up their joys and concerns that we can bring before God in prayer.

† **Closing Hymn** “The Goodness of God” by Ed Cash, Ben Fielding, Jason Ingram, Brian Johnson, and Jenn Johnson

† **Benediction**

† **Chiming the Trinity Bell**

† **Postlude**

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“Good Shepherd,” by John August Swanson, 2010

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