

# DEVOTED

ACTS 2:42-47



## MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

(\* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

**PRELUDE:**

*“Speak, O Lord”*

*By Townend and Getty*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come to the gate and find the Good Shepherd within.

**We need a shepherd – round us up and bring us through your Gate, O Lord.**

If you're hungry or thirsty, the Good Shepherd will provide for your needs.

**That is just what we need. Our souls thirst for God's word.**

Come, the Gate and the Shepherd await.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

God of all the sheep, those who remain close to you and those who stray, those who are always faithful and those who are lost: be with us today! Help us take a look at our lives and our relationship to you. Bring us close, draw us in, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN: 136**

*“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”*

*vs 1, 2, 3, 5*

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Patient God, you know how easy it is for us to stray. We wander off so easily.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Heal our brokenness and our fears. Remind us again that you lead us in gentle paths and by quiet waters – when the paths are stony and the waves tumultuous, help us to remember your protection and your care. Help us to extend that same love and care to others, for we ask this in Jesus' Name.**

**AMEN.**

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Just when we think we can go no further, Jesus the Good Shepherd calls to us, bringing us safely into the fold of Grace and Mercy. Rejoice! You are loved completely and forgiven!

**Amen.**

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **A READING FROM ACTS 2:42-47 (NIV)**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

### **SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: 23 (NIV)**

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures,**

he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

**He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil,

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

**You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

### **EPISTLE: I Peter 2:19-25 (NIV)**

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” For “you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### **SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

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**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL: John 10:1-10 (NIV)**

The gospel according to John.

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTIONS ON GOD’S WORD**

*Pastor Rob Odum*

**HYMN: 396**

*“Where Charity and Love Prevail”*

*vs 1-4*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Thanks, Lord, for all the wonderful gifts with which you have blessed our lives. Take these gifts,, these tokens and use them to build your realm, to heal the broken hearted, bind up those who are wounded, welcome the stranger, become the gate of hope for we ask this in Jesus’ Name.

**AMEN.**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:**

*“Gentle Shepherd”*

*By William J. Gaither*

**\*DOXOLOGY: 94**

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

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- UMH883**

**We are not alone; we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God’s presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: 2223**     *“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”*     *vs 1-4*

**\*BENEDICTION**

You have been given your rest, now go and proclaim with your lives the good news of Jesus Christ. Be a Good Shepherd to someone today.

**AMEN.**

**\*POSTLUDE: HYMN 549**     *“Where Charity and Love Prevail”*     *By William M. Runyon*



April	Liturgists	Ushers
26th	Connie Ziegler	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang

May	Liturgists	Ushers
3rd	Carolyn Ettlle	To Be Determined
10th	Lynn Sirna	Richard Gosetti
17th	John Hurley	To Be Determined
24th	Connie Ziegler	To Be Determined
31st	To Be Determined	To Be Determined

If you had a change of address, phone number, and/or email address since the last publication of the church directory (and not already done so), please fill out one of the forms that are on the table by the bulletin board to update any changes, or notify by email at – [mumcgreenfield@gmail.com](mailto:mumcgreenfield@gmail.com).

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to volunteer to be an Usher for the month. Please consider giving some of your time to be an Usher for Sunday Services a month during the year!



**MISSIONS**

**ONGOING MISSION COLLECTIONS:**

**COIN BASKET:** Veterans Community Center

**UNISEX KID’S CLOTHES, SMALL SNACKS & ARTS/CRAFTS ITEMS:** to go to Glennwood School

**KNITTING & CROCHETING:** Prayer Shawls, Winter Hats/Headbands, Scarfs & Gloves

**TOILETRY DRIVE:** Organizations helping the homeless

**ALUMINUM PULL TABS:** For the Ronald McDonald House



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Sunday, 9:15am  
**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday, 10:30am  
**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:**  
Confirmation classes will be held each Saturday from 9-10:30am through 5/16  
**CERAMICS:** Mondays, 1-9pm  
**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Thursday, 6:30-7:25pm  
**JOYFUL BELLS:** Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm  
**SASSY SOWERS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday & 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday, 10am-1pm  
**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Following church service on April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup> (Chartiers), May 24<sup>th</sup>, & May 31<sup>st</sup>  
**KNIT/CROCHET GROUP:** Next meeting date/time: to be determined  
**2nd SATURDAY SUPPER:** \*To be determined  
**CHOS COMMITTEE:** May 17<sup>th</sup> : Taco Sunday – Cinco de Mayo  
**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 9am-- \*To be determined  
**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 8:30am at Meyers, 4260 S 76th St, Greenfield, WI 53220

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**Live Stream Production Team:**

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John Stoekl, Tom Rowe, Greg Ettl

**Office Administrator:** Peggy Leonhardt

**Hours:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm



The Lord is my shepherd,  
**I shall not want.**

Psalm 23: 1