

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 8 May 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Festival of the Christian Home/Mother's Day**

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements *(To help us connect,  
please sign the attendance pad in your pew)*

\*Greeting\*\*:  
Let us praise the Lord who is our shepherd.  
**In God's love we shall not be found wanting.**  
Surely goodness and mercy shall be ours  
**And we shall live in God's house forever.**  
*(Psalm 23)*

\*Praise Choruses: 2272 "Holy Ground"  
2113 "Lamb of God"

\*Opening Prayer: 574 "For Renewal of the Church"

\*Opening Hymn: 57 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

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First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

Psalter: 137 *(Response 1)* Psalm 23 (King James Version)

Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

\*Hymn of Preparation: 128 "He Leadeth Me"

\*Gospel Lesson: John 10:22-30

Sermon: "Madonna"

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Affirmation of Faith: 881 "The Apostles' Creed,  
Traditional Version"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

\*The Peace: Let us offer one another  
signs of reconciliation and love.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING**

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,  
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving, Petition, and Intercession\*\*:  
Blessed God, Good Shepherd of your sheep,  
your goodness and mercy follow us  
all the days of our lives.

**We are, indeed, very foolish sheep.  
Help us to amend our lives and to follow  
the One who loves us the most.  
Wipe away our sin, grant us forgiveness,  
anoint us with oil and make us clean,  
that we might stand before your presence  
without fear.  
We know of those who are walking  
through the valley of the shadow of death.  
Give your abiding presence  
that they, and we, may have no fear.  
Give healing to those who are broken in body.**

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**Fill to overflowing the cups of those who feel so empty.**

**Make us one with Jesus**

**in searching out those who are lonely and lost,  
those who are hungry and hurting,  
that we may wipe away their tears.**

**We know that those who belong to you  
are granted release from every ordeal.**

**Hear now our prayers, and accept our gifts,  
which we offer in the name of our Shepherd,  
Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 419 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

\*Closing Prayer^:

We give you thanks for the place of our rich tradition  
among the churches which comprise the Body of Christ.

**With all your people throughout creation,  
give us a new vision, new love, new wisdom,  
and fresh understanding,  
that we may serve you more fully;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Charles Yrigoyen, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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