

**Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 8, 2022
Happy Mother's Day**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GATHERING PRAYER

ANTHEM

Come to me, All who Labor

Words/ Music John Purifoy

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 23, KJV

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

OPENING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, #558

Words Dorothy A. Thrupp (1836)

Music William B. Bradbury (1859)

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*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, do thou 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.*

*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.*

UNISON PRAYER

In You, Lord of life, are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge that we need to hear and understand. Open our hearts to receive the truth of Your Word. Help us understand and freely choose the way of Your wisdom; in Christ's way, we pray. Amen.

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.

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Glory Be to the Father

WORDS: Lesser Doxology (3rd-4th centuries)

MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Happy Mother's Day, Mom - Pastor Dave

CHILDREN'S HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

Words & Music: Harry Dixon Loes

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*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (X3)
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.*

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 7:9–17

Gospel Lesson: John 10:22–30

SERMON Called to Christ – Pastor Dave

HYMN

He Lives!, #226

Words/ Music Alfred H. Ackley (1933)

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*I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today
I know that He is living, Whatever others say
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.*

Refrain

*He lives (He lives) He lives (He lives)
Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
He lives (He lives) He lives (He lives)
Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives
He lives within my heart*

*In all the world around me I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing will come at last [Refrain]*

*Rejoice rejoice O Christian, Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find
None other is so loving, so good and kind [Refrain]*

MORNING OFFERING

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

We joyfully offer ourselves in God's work using our time, talent, and treasure. If you have not made your offering, please feel free to take your offering up at this time!

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674

MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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*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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

God of hope, You gave Your Son to free this lost world. You give Your Spirit to comfort and encourage. You give us hope for a future free of pain, sorrow, and tears. In gratitude, we bring You our time, talents, and treasure. May our gifts be used so that many others will taste and see the goodness of knowing You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen!

WE PAUSE TO REFLECT AND PRAY

Prayers of the People: You are invited to offer prayers of joy or concern.

Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastor: God is with you

All: And also, with you

Pastor: Let us pray

PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

WORDS: Psalm 143:1

MUSIC: George Whelpton, 1897

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*Hear our Prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us, And grant us thy peace. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

For All the Saints, #637

Words William W. How (1864, alt.)

Music Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)

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*For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might:
their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light.
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia!*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, #432

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Music: Alexander R. Reinagle (1836)

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*O Christ, the Way, the Truth the Life,
be with us now, we pray;
direct our steps as we go forth
to do your will this day.*

*O faithful Guide, renew our trust
in love that does not fail;
and give us strength to work and pray,
that peace may soon prevail.*

RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE