

Centenary United Methodist Church
Our Mission: “Love God, Serve Others”
May 11, 2025; Fourth Sunday of Easter, Liturgical Color; White **Traditional; 11:00 am**
If you are comfortable, please stand. **Bold - Join in response, **The Faith We Sing*

PRELUDE

INTROIT *(in response Book of Worship 398, Anselm of Canterbury, England, 11th cent., alt.)*
And you, Jesus, good Lord, are you not also Mother? Would a mother not be one who, like a hen, gathers her young beneath her wings?
In truth, Lord, you are my Mother! AMEN.

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** “Precious Lord Take My Hand” **474**

***OPENING PRAYER** *(unison, Book Worship 394)*
Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter, we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. AMEN.

***THE PASSING OF PEACE**

***PRAYER RESPONSE** Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

RESPONSIVE READING *(With song response; “Savior, Like a Shepherd Leads Us” 381)*
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.
(V1. “Savior, Like a Shepherd Leads Us” 381)
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.
(V2. “Savior, Like a Shepherd Leads Us” 381)
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
(V3. “Savior, Like a Shepherd Leads Us” 381)
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.
(V4. “Savior, Like a Shepherd Leads Us” 381)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; Joys and Concerns, *Book of Worship 438)*
For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord
(Silent prayer or you may voice the names)
For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord
(Silent prayer or may voice the names)

For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us, we pray to the Lord
(Silent prayer or you may voice the names)
For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord
(Silent prayer or you may voice the names)
Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your church
Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons, and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(unison)*

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, the power and the glory, forever. AMEN.

MISSION MOMENT Ruth Stephens

OFFERTORY

Especial Offering Mother to Mother ministry support (ushers will pass basket)
Offering
***DOXOLOGY** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *(Sung to the tune of 95)*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(unison)*

God, use what we offer to you to bring healing and peace to others. Draw us together as one flock in the care of one shepherd, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE Linda McCall

First Lesson Psalm 23:1-6
Second Lesson Acts 9:36-43

***GOSPEL READING** John 10:22-30

SERMON “Tabitha, Icon of Good Works”

***CLOSING HYMN** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” **381**

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** “God Be with You till We Meet Again” **672** (no refrain)

POSTLUDE