



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Agnus Dei" with "Holy, Holy, Holy"

arr. Christopher Phillips

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is alive and among us now. Even as the light pushes back the dark, so too Jesus Christ has defeated death. Let us worship God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

All: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

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

All: 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.

Liturgist: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: 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.

Psalm 23

* **All Singing: 575 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

- * GOD'S GREETING
- * GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 527 "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"**

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Jesus said, "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.

All: 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.

Liturgist: When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice." *John 10:1-6*

All: Lord, forgive us for ignoring your voice, listening for other voices, and following other shepherds.

Silent Confession and Lament

Liturgist: Jesus said, "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. I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." *John 10:7-10 adapted*

All: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; for by his wounds, we have been healed.

Liturgist: For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. *1 Peter 2:24-25 adapted*

* **All Singing: 330 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

Liturgist: Philippians 4:4-9

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All Singing: 762 "Ancient Words"

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-17

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Lessons from John the Baptist

* **All Singing: 70 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"**
Singing verses 1 – 4

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Zuni Christian Mission

OFFERTORY “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” arr. Sarah Jane Young

* **All Singing: 70 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”**
Singing verse 5

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: 925 “Go to the World”**
Singing verses 1 and 4

Postlude: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr. Karen Ball

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Vera Hulford
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg-Sims	Liturgist:	Emily C. Hillegonds
Vocalist:	Evelyn Evenhouse	Prayer:	Luke Vant Land
Cellist:	Adeline Larsen		
Guitar:	Jeremy Hulford		
Percussion:	Henry Evenhouse		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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