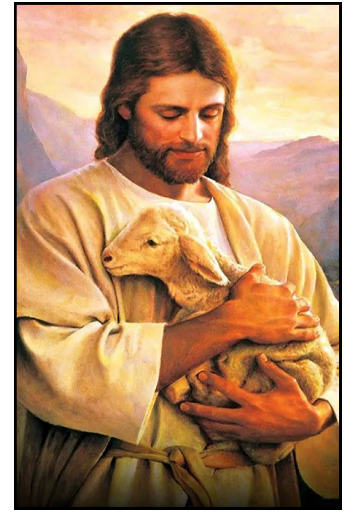


Highland Avenue  
United Methodist Church  
Season of Easter  
May 3, 2026  
9:30 a.m.



*GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD*

Words of Welcome

The Prelude: **“Joy Unceasing and Infinite Joy”**

The Call to Worship: *(from Ministry Matters, adapted)*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

**We worship God with gladness.**

Come into God’s presence with singing.

**We are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture.**

Give thanks to the Lord; bless God’s holy name,

**We bless your name, O Lord, for your steadfast love is present now and endures forever.**

\*The Opening Hymn: **“The Lord’s My Shepherd and I’ll Not Want”**

**UMH #136**

Opening Prayer:

**Shepherding God, bring us into your fold. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Help us see the way we should go, the way we should live. Help us hear your voice calling our name. Enliven this time of worship, that we may find true life as we join with others: praising your name, celebrating your great goodness, and sharing your love for all people. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Congregation’s Choice

*LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD*

The Scripture Lesson: **John 10:1-5,10-16**      **New International Version**

A Time for Children:

The Message: **“The Sheep and the Shepherd”**

*followed by unison reading of Psalm 23 New Testament pg.607*

Meditation in Music: **“Come to the Table”** *Words and Music by Ralph Cheney*

Sacrament of Holy Communion *(insert)*

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## A Time of Prayer

Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer **UMH # 895**

### *RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

## The Offering

\*Doxology **UMH # 95**

\*The Prayer of Dedication (*insert*)

\*The Closing Hymn: **"God Will Take Care of You"** **UMH #130**

## Benediction

## Announcements and Prayer

## The Postlude: **"Shalom"**



Pastor Angela's Mom

Harold Aziz

Trisha Aziz

Tom Bailey

Geneva and Norman  
Beckwith

June Black

Michael Breed

Cathy Brissette

Russell Brown

Kendal Buck

Cameron (Ralph's  
grandson)

Gretchen Clark

Dwight Cooper

Karen Crommett

Danielle

Barbara Dill

Donald

Donna & Mike

DiTaranto

Tanner Dostie and  
family

Crystal Farris

Armand Fournier

Phil Garwood

Harold & Lynn Gerard

Carol Sue

Giampitruzzi

Greg Giampetruzzi

Marge Gillman

The Guthrie Family

Vee Hanna's family

Samantha Hills

Nancy Holmes

**John**

John Karny

Vicky Kelley

Bev. Fernald LaPlante

Michael LaPlante

Norine Leathers

Ann LeClair

Kevin Lee

Cathy & Mark

Leonard

Emily Long's mom,  
grandmother and  
grandfather, son  
and aunt

Lois, sister-in-law of  
Pat O'Connor

Jerry Lucas

Marcel

Betty and Michael  
McCray

Steve McNelly

Joe Mertz

**Family of David  
Meserve**

Jim Meserve

The Mills Family

Ellen Minotty

Paula Moore

Herb Moreshead

Pat O'Connor

Dennis O'Driscoll

Olivia & Jed

Silvia Palmer

Linda Pare

Mary Parker

Carla Parsons

Peggy Philips

Joe Phillips

Cheryl and Paul  
Poulin

Jessie Powell

Garry Prosser

Sylvia Quint

Judy Quintal

**Cheryl Ramsay**

Alton Ranks

Sandra Robinson

Cody Russell

Sherman Family

Sandy Smith

Sullivan Smith

Laverne & Tim

Tardiff

Randy and Lisa Thibeau

Ellen Truman

Samantha Dunn Walker

Lorna Ulmer's

brothers

Wendy Vigue

Jane Weir

Jonathan Williams

Bert Winslow

Irene Wise

**People of the Middle  
East**

**The Military**

**Border Concerns**

**People of Ukraine**

**Victims of Violence**

**Victims of Natural**

**Disasters**

**Kairos Prison Ministry**