

Fourth Sunday
of
Easter
May 11, 2025

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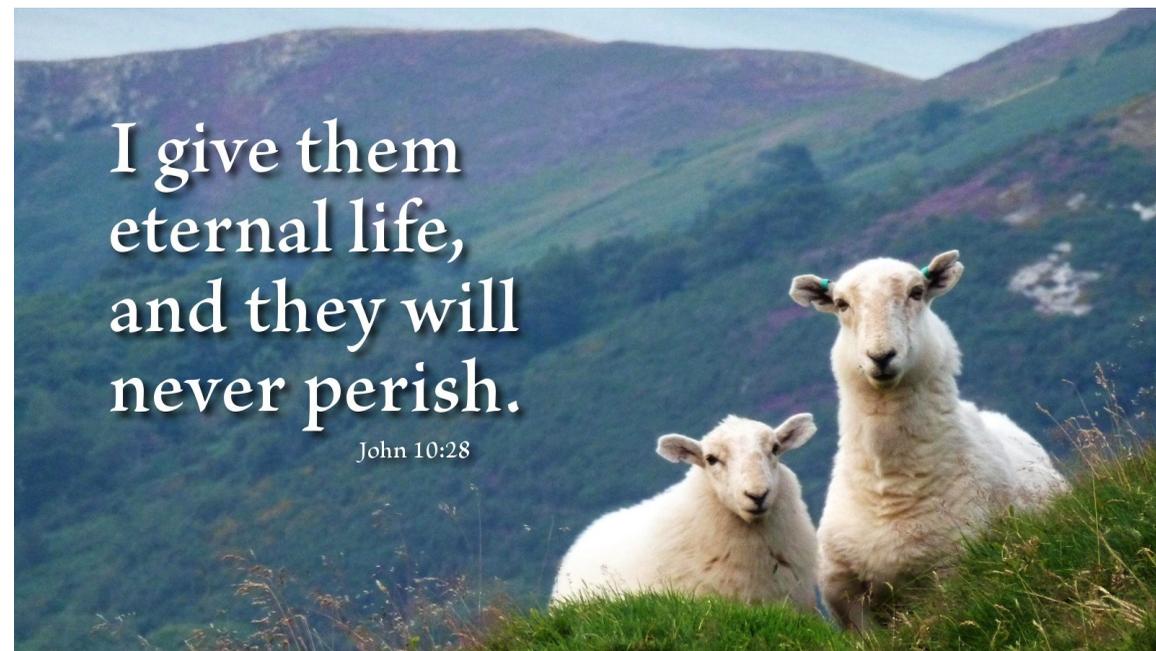
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*The Mission of Choptank United Methodist Charge is
to worship, welcome, nurture, and serve in the name of Jesus.*

Spedden UMC 881 Hudson Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 8:45 am	Antioch UMC 1742 Town Point Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 10:00 am	Beckwith UMC 1328 Hudson Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 11:15 am
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JOURNEYING WITH JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come! Let us worship and praise God.

The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.

Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.

Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still, God is with us.

Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.

Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

And we will dwell in God's house forever. Amen.

SING A HYMN: {Church Choice}

*PRAY: (After hearing requests, offer silent prayer for those on our list and in your heart.)

Help us to move beyond the "sampler" prayer so often found printed on pillows, on wall hangings: "The Lord is my Shepherd." Help us to understand what those words truly mean, O Lord. We can count on you. You are the one who holds our lives, guides our steps, comforts and sustains us. You want for us the lush greenness of verdant pastures and the alluring draw of still waters; yet you know that our lives will not be smooth; there will be rough times. We can count on you, Lord. We can place our trust in you. Help us to feel the power of the Psalmist's words: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me." Nothing can trouble, nothing can threaten. You are with us. As we reach out in love and service to others, remind us that the work we do in your name, with love and compassion, is an echo of your tender mercy and loving care. Strengthen us and give us enthusiasm to follow the Shepherd all the days of our lives. Hear us as we pray the prayer that your Son taught us, **Our Father...**"

SING A HYMN: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" vss. 1, 2, 4 (UMH #381) (CCLI 20203297)

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2 We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

4 Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;

blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still

READ SCRIPTURE: John 10:22-30

SING A HYMN: {Church Choice}

READ OR LISTEN: My Sheep Hear My Voice Pastor Nan

RECITE THE APOSTLES' CREED: (UMH #881) Pastor Nan

**OFFERING PRAYER...PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS...DOXOLOGY (UMH #95)

Gracious God, we offer these gifts today, not just as a token of our gratitude, but as a reflection of the love and care we have received from our mothers and the women who have nurtured us. We thank you for the unconditional love that mothers offer and pray that you would continue to bless all mothers. Help us to live our lives in a way that honors their example of love and service. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL OR VOCAL MUSIC

*BENEDICTION: (Please remain quietly in your pew until the candles are extinguished.)

Go forth in peace and hope this day, for God is your guardian and guide. Bring news of God's love to all whom you meet. **Amen.**

REFLECT AT HOME ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Ponder what it means to you that Jesus is your shepherd.

OFFER YOURSELF DURING THE WEEK:

Take special care this week of your own mom and all who have acted like a mother to you.

Thanks for your continuing support. Your help is needed to keep our bills paid in full and on time.

Please mail your check to your **financial secretary**, OR place your gift in the plate.

Antioch: Becky Wilson 5215 Wilson Road Cambridge 21613

Beckwith: Eleanor Wheatley 9 Shawnee Road Cambridge 21613

Spedden: Mary Benjamin 779 Cook Point Road Cambridge 21613

You may wish to make a missions gift to any of these organizations:

Cold Weather Shelter, Valerie Davis, Delmarva Community Services, 2450 Cambridge Beltway, Cambridge, MD 21613

Everstand (United Methodist Board of Child Care) 27993 Substation Road, Denton, MD 21629

MidShore Meals til Monday PO Box 1193 Cambridge, MD 21613

Overflow Café Ministries, 400 Muir Street, Cambridge, MD 21613

Pastor's Discretionary Fund—for use by all Choptank Charge members and friends; mail to Spedden UMC, 881 Hudson Road, Cambridge, MD 21613

To start a prayer chain, please call one of the following:

•Pastor Nan—443-225-6720—Spedden

•Susan Long:— 410-228-5586—Beckwith Shelly Willey—410-330-0209—Antioch

*<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3753/worship-connection-may-8-2022>

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