



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**April 25, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

**The Prelude**

*Pastorale on "The King of Love"*

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**The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, through your only Son  
you overcame death  
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.  
Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,  
by the renewing of your Spirit,  
arise from the death of sin  
to the life of righteousness;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 138**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

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1. The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me;  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.



**The Hymn No. 2212**

*My Life Flows On*

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

1. My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.  
  
**Refrain**  
No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?
2. Through all tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing. **Refrain**
3. What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. **Refrain.**
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing.  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**

**The Benediction**

**The Postlude**

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

William H. Doane, 1875

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*We thank these persons who helped us in worship this morning.*

Senior Pastor:	Dr. Matthew D. Bates
Minister to Young Adults:	Rev. Drew Willson
Director of Music:	Stanley M. Baker
Pianist:	Lee Covington
Singers:	Emily Downey, Todd Minnich
A/V Team:	Dan Corcoran Jane Covington Chris Junker

# Scripture

## Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup> The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

## Psalm 23

### The Divine Shepherd

*A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.