



## *Good Shepherd Sunday*

*April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

*10:00 a.m.*

### **St. Andrew's United Church**

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**\*Those who are able, please stand as marked**

*The St. Andrew's family warmly welcomes all visitors and newcomers!  
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please sign our Guest Book  
in the Narthex and join us for coffee and snacks after service.*

**Musical Prelude**

## Announcements

### \*Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jesus Comes to Me as a Springtime Tree (*lyrics on screen*)

### \*Share the Peace of Christ

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(*congregation's response in BOLD*)

L: God, our Shepherd, offers us abundant life.

**C: God, you are with us!**

L: God, our Shepherd, leads us beside still waters.

**C: God, restore our souls!**

L: God, our Shepherd, walks with us through every dark valley.

**C: God, we will not be afraid!**

L: God, our Shepherd, send Jesus to lead us and guide us now.

**C: God, our Shepherd, we praise you for your goodness and mercy that is with us every day.**

L: We gather now to follow where the Shepherd is leading.

### \*Opening Hymn: VU #158 – Christ is Alive

(*lyrics on screen*)

## OPENING PRAYER

(*in unison*)

God of love, we come together into your presence, trusting that your love has the power to defeat evil in all the world. We come together into your presence trusting that Christ will continue to show us that your love defeats even the power of death. Amen.

## THE LESSONS

The New Testament

**Acts 2:42-47**

*The believers share everything in common*

**Psalms 23 – The Divine Shepherd**

*A psalm of David*

**The Gospel of St. John 10:1-10**

*Jesus the Good Shepherd*

(response after *The Lessons* in **BOLD**)

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**\*Hymn: VU #747 – The Lord’s My Shepherd**

*(lyrics on screen)*

**Sermon – ‘Protection’**

Rev. Scott Brown

**\*Hymn: Saviour, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us**

*(lyrics on screen)*

## **WE RESPOND IN LOVE**

**The Offering**

**\*Offering Dedication**

**VU #55 – *In the Bleak Midwinter*** *(lyrics on screen)*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Dear God, we need your leading. So much comes at us daily that it can be hard to know where to focus. Gas prices, the cost of living, wage scales and how to manage time by saving or losing an hour; and that all happened in just 90 minutes of our day. Amidst all this, help us to feel you gentle guiding into paths where we ought to be.

Dear Jesus, we need your leading. We encounter experiences that harden us and make us sceptical. Show us where to spread the love, compassion and healing that you have for all of us and that you exhibited in dying on the cross for us.

Holy Spirit, we need your leading. By your wise guiding, lead us to those who are first responders to situations of danger and calamity. We remember now all who are suffering and take time to name them before you now. Renew, restore and encourage all those whom we have named, especially those suffering with chronic and terminal illnesses.

Triune God, our times are in your hands. Lead us onward into the paths that you are creating and recreating for us. And now we join together following the Saviour's leading with His prayer.

## The Lord's Prayer (*on screen*)

### COMMISIONING

*(in unison)*

**We go now with God leading us into the awe and wonder of creation stirring. We grow in the encounters that give us opportunities for invitation into faith.**

**We go now with Jesus the Good Shepherd leading. Leading us to the people who are spiritually dry and hardened by life.**

**We go now with the Holy Spirit leading. Leading us to places of renewal and refreshment that we may be able to carry on all the work that is set before us.**

**We go now to lead people into places of calm and assurance that are provided by our Triune God.**

### BENEDICTION

May God lead you into places that are rest and renewal of awe and wonder.

May Jesus give you courage for the journey that is the day and week ahead.

May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with joy and generosity each day.

And may the blessing of God who is Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier dwell in your hearts this day and every day. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn: VU #375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

*(lyrics on screen)*

**Musical Postlude**

*Thank you*

**Worship Leaders**

*Rev. Scott Brown – Presider*

*Vince Anderson – Piano & Organ*

*Robert Woodbury – Soloist*

*Jan Vogan – Scripture Reader*

**Technical Support**

*Eldon Wilson – Live Streaming & Sound System*

*Brent Roy – PowerPoint Operation*

*Patricia Wilson – Order of Service & PowerPoint Design*