

Scripture Reading: 1Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵ For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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Love, Hope, a place to Belong

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May 7, 2017, 4th Sunday of Easter

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) **FWS** (Faith We Sing)

(**Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)

Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

Time of Reflection

It is Good

Pianist: Joel Blair

****Hymn #174 (UMH)**

His Name is Wonderful

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Rachel Lange

L: God, Beloved Shepherd, Guardian of our souls, we come
to listen for your familiar voice.

P: Call to us above the noise of our lives.

L: Gather us in from our comings and goings.

**P: Feed us in the pastures of your love and lead us
to abundant life.**

****Hymn #381 (UMH)**

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Children's Sermon

Bill Brueck

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven; hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done; on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

****Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Choir

This is My Word

Scriptures

1Peter 2:19-25

Hymn #474 (UMH)

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Message

Do I Have to Suffer?

Pastor Carolyn Westlake

Celebration of Holy Communion

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering - Please sign Pew Pad.

****Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Offertory Prayer**

Holy One, we offer these gifts with gratitude for the many ways you care for us. Use these gifts, and our very lives, O God, that all might have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

****Hymn #261 (UMH)**

Lord of the Dance

Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude

Prayer for Living Generously

Gracious and Generous God, send your Holy Spirit to:

- Break through and renew and revive our churches, unleashing your gifts of radical hospitality, saving grace, and abundant life on a broken world.
- Empower our clergy and lay leadership to offer you, O God, all the gifts you have bestowed upon them.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses to live generously and serve the full arrival of your reign on earth.
- Create in me a generous heart and a desire to live in your presence with ever-growing gratitude.

I pray in the name of Jesus whose love, mercy and justice know no bounds.

Amen

Fellowship: Please join us for fellowship time following the service downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. **Nursery:** Available for your use.