

## Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:16-23

<sup>16</sup>This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup>If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup>If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God <sup>22</sup>and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

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**Love, Hope, a place to Belong**

***Pastor Carolyn Westlake***

***April 22, 2018 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***

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

**(\*\*Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)**

**Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Time of Reflection**

***Carried By Love***

**Pianist: Joel Blair**

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

***His Name Is Wonderful***

**\*\*Call to Worship**

**Liturgist: Wade Bluemer**

L: We were lost and going astray.

**P: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

**He leads me beside the still waters.**

L: But now we return to our shepherd.

**P: He restores my soul.**

**He leads me in the paths of righteousness**

**for his name's sake.**

L: We have heard the call of the guardian of our souls.

**P: Yea though I walk through the valley**

**of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil,**

**for thou art with me.**

L: This is the gate of our shepherd, the door to eternal life.

**P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**all the days of my life, and I shall dwell**

**in the house of the Lord forever.**

**\*\*Hymn #364 (UMH)**

***Because He Lives***

**Children's Sermon**

**Dean Murray**

**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**

***The Lord's My Shepherd***

**Scriptures:**

**1 John 3:16-23**

**Hymn #408 (UMH)**

***The Gift of Love***

**Message**

***LOVE***

***Pastor Carolyn Westlake***

**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**

Loving shepherd, as you have fed us in green pastures and quenched our thirst beside still waters, may the gifts we bring this day be food and drink, and shelter and warmth, to a world in need; may our offering reach into places of despair, and show the world that there is a shepherd who brings comfort and hope. Amen.

**\*\*Hymn #363 (UMH)**

***And Can It Be that I Should Gain***

***(vs 1,2,5)***

**Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude**

**Prayer for Living Expectantly**

Gracious and Life-Giving God,

- Pour out your Holy Spirit, like a mighty wind and tongues of fire, to unleash our churches to see kingdom visions, to dream your dreams, and to prophesy to your saving grace and justice.
- Revive the power of the gospel in the hearts of our clergy and lay leadership and prosper their words and works, so that all nations may hear the good news in their own tongues.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses, to be a living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth and a blessing to all creation.
- Create in me an expectant heart, eager to receive your Spirit gifts and guidance to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose precious and powerful name I pray. Amen.