

**Martin First United Methodist  
Worship, Nurture & Serve in Love  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 8, 2022**

**ENTRANCE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Pastor  
Amanda Crice

**PRELUDE**

**ACOLYTES** Hudson & Jennifer Bane

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER** Blaine McDonald

**OPENING HYMN** *He Leadeth Me...* 128

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Pastor Amanda

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Blaine McDonald

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
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.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
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.

**ACT OF PRAISE**

*God Watches Over You*

Choir

**GOSPEL**

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**SERMON**

Pastor Amanda

**PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS**

**OFFERING**

*The Lord is My Shepherd*

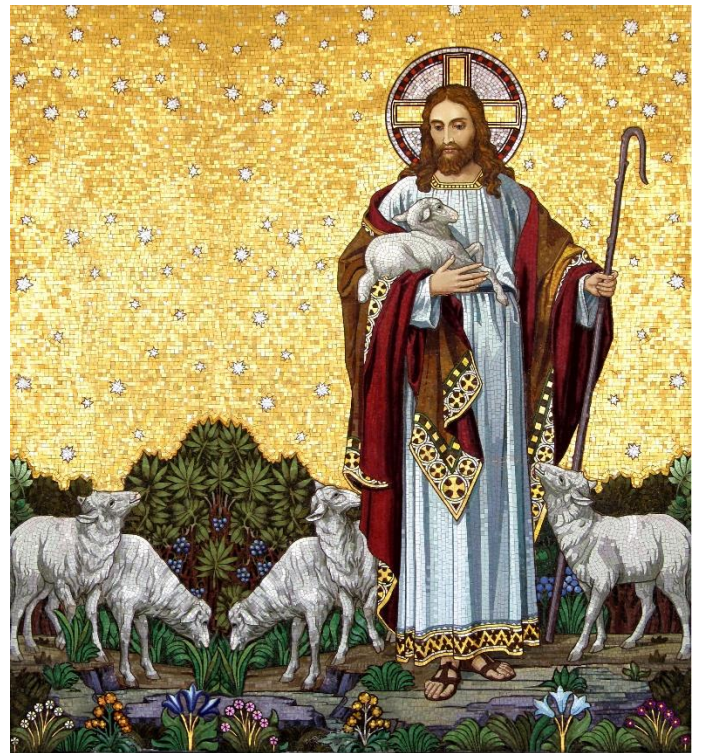
ROOTS VIDEO

**DOXOLOGY**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, ..... And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ... And so in remembrance...as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,... All honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

## COMMUNION

**COMMUNION SERVERS Jim & Dee Cannon; Steve & Vicki Vantrease; Jeff, Allison & Avery Stockton; Terry McDade**

## SENDING FORTH

### HYMN

*Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

2140

### BLESSING AND POSTLUDE

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER CONCERNS:** (Printed: May 5)

**Ongoing Concerns:** Don Clements. Sarah Byars. Angie Farme., Gayle Cooper. Family of Steve Damron. Dotsie Clifton. Kristin Havener's foster son, Kaden. Claire Wade. Jim & Gina Johnson. Keath Turner. Karen Johnson. Bob Carroll. Janice Newbill. Allen Beard. Gail Beard Yates. Linda Crider & Family. G. T. & Linda Hall. Grover Page. Chris Smith. Janiece Peeler. Virginia Clendenin. Michael Johnson. Cooper Johnson & family. Terry Boyd. Peggy King. Marilucile Counce. Frances Brewer. Donna Flynt. Angie Damron. Chris Bowman. Diane Broughton. Charline Freeman. Alan Moody. Billie Sue Walker. John Overcash. Bob Smith. Jill Brigance. Kathy Prewett. Gail Yates. Bishop Bill McAlilly. Superintendent Cynthia Davis. We Care Ministries. UTM Wesley. Dresden First United Methodist.

**Prayers for Friends and Relatives:** Lenore Christiansen, father-in-law. Kathy Smith's mother, JoNell Powell. Staci Mancusi's brother, Phil Peiffer, and grandmother, Doris Davidson. Carla Field's friend, Clara Hays. Crawford & Nancy Gallimore. Dee Cannon's family, Anna & David Hammonds' and Lee Catherine & Rusty Morefield & family who lost their homes in Dresden. Kayci Borden's grandmother. Steve McConnell's girlfriend, Faye. Linda & Wally Crider's daughter, Kristi Jones. Amy Todd Brown. Renee LaFleur and Ricky Garlitz. Austin Hicks. Susan Kilgas' Aunt Margaret Robertson. Jennifer Snider's sister, Nancy Jones. Kristy Shumake's mother, Brenda Dublin. Rosemary Coleman's daughter-in-law's mother, Joyce Ashe. David Murphy. Glenda Nanney's son-in-law, Michael Hester. Mack Thornton's brother-in-law, Butch Henley, and sister-in-law, Linda Cushman. Erica Bell's father, Don Griffin. Peggy King's son-in-law, George Frels and friend, Leslie Justice. Jenise Butler's Cousin, April.

### Thank You

Please accept my gratitude for the delicious meal, prayers, calls, texts and cards following my knee replacement surgery. I'm doing great, and am hopeful to be back in service with my church family soon. *Claire Wade*

To First UMC Family, May God continue to bless you richly in His Holy Word. Thank you so very much. *Korea Witcher Johnson, Ronald A. Johnson, & the Barnett family*

### Children's Library

Jesus Love the Little Children in memory of Steve Damron;

The Shepherd's Story in honor of Godly Play

### Memorials & Honorariums

**Honoring and remembering those we love...**

**Budget in memory of** Anne Meek, Steve Damron, Torri McCutchen, Bob & Betty Cheeseman

**Budget in honor of** Bob Carroll Sunday School Class, Carol McCutchen, Kayla Karlovic, Angie Damron, Dawn Belote

### Calendar

**Sunday, May 8**

**Happy Mother's Day**

**Monday, May 9**

2:30 ROOTS

**Tuesday, May 10**

9:30 Laura Wells Circle/Parlor

**Wednesday, May 11**

9:30 Bazaar Workshop/Banner

6:30 Youth Cue

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, May 15 Senior Sunday**

**United Methodist Women's  
Prayer Calendar**

**Mission Focus—USA** Dallas, Texas—Dallas Bethlehem Center—launching an after school program for elementary-aged children

**Mission Focus—Global** Nigeria—Jalingo United Methodist Church Orphanage—providing education and construction of secondary school for orphans and the less privileged