



United Methodist Church of Antioch

4th Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

PRELUDE

Come, Let Us Worship and Obey

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Today 5th Sunday: UVC
Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am
Church Chat/Choir, Sunday School/9:15am
Confirmation Class, 2-4pm/All Saints Rm
AA, 8-9pm/White Room
- Mon, May 1 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Rm
Quilters, 9-12pm/Green Rm
- Tues, May 2 UMCAP, 9am-2pm; Fire Drill, 11am
PEO, 12-3pm/White Rm
Confirmation Class, 4-6pm/All Saints Rm
Early Adopters, 6:30pm/Wesley Hall
AA, 6-7pm/White Room
- Wed, May 3 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
AA, 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Rm
UWF, 11:45am/Wesley Hall
- Thurs, May 4 UMCAP, 9am-2pm
AA, 6-7pm/White Rm
- Fri, May 5 AA, 10-11am; 6:30-7:30pm;
8:30-9:30pm/White Room
- Sat, May 6 AA, 6-7pm/White Rm
- Sun, May 7 Communion Sunday
Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am
Church Chat/Choir, Sunday School/9:15am
AA, 8-9pm/White Rm

~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-There is a box in Wesley Hall for Midwest Missions Center donations. We are specifically collecting cleaning products and personal dignity items. Please see the list attached to the box for more details. Carol Dunn and Robin Kessell will be attending Annual Conference and will deliver these items to the truck Midwest Missions will be filling, June 6-8, 2023. Please donate as you can and thanks in advance for the help!

-The grass, trees, and winds are all changing. Change is good right? Our summer worship times will also be changing. The Cabinet voted to move to one service from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. There will be only one service at 9:15am starting May 28 through September 3.

MISSION STATEMENT (Unison)

The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith, to worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God's love through the Holy Spirit as we reach out to our community and the world.

** Invites you to stand as you are able, or to sit with gusto!*

***WE ARE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP**

L: The GREAT FATHER above a SHEPHERD CHIEF is.

P: I am His and with Him I want not.

L: He throws out to me a rope, and the name of the rope is love and He draws me to where the grass is green

P: and the water is not dangerous, and I eat and lie down and am satisfied.

L: Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down but He lifts me up again and draws me into a good road.

P: His name is WONDERFUL.

L: Some time, it may be very soon, it may be a long, long time, He will draw me into a valley.

P: It is dark there, but I'll be afraid not, for it is between those mountains that the SHEPHERD CHIEF will meet me and the hunger that I have in my heart all through life will be satisfied.

L: Sometimes he makes the love rope into a whip,

P: but afterwards, He gives a staff to lean upon.

L: He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods.

P: He puts His hand upon my head and all the "tired" is gone.

L: My cup he fills till it runs over.

P: What I tell is true. I lie not.

L: These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me through this life and after;

P: and afterwards, I will go to live in the Big Teepee and sit down with the SHEPHERD CHIEF forever. Amen.

(Adapted from "A Native American Interpretation of the 23rd Psalm,"

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-native-american-interpretation-of-the-23rd-psalm>. This interpretation of Psalm 23 was taken down by Isabel Crawford, a late nineteenth-century Baptist missionary to the Kiowa Indians in Oklahoma. The interpretation is an English translation of the Native American sign language version of Psalm 23 that Crawford encountered among the Kiowa)..

***HYMN Red Hymnal #138**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

***OPENING PRAYER**

O Guardian of our souls, we give you thanks for bringing us together another day. We turn to you for guidance, for direction, and for hope. In your promises, we are assured of the future you have walked before us. Bring us together in your love, that we might share that love in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Black Hymnal #2140

Since Jesus Came into My Heart

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING

God, who sent us Living Hope in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, we come in awe today. Open our hearts and minds to hear and see what you have in store for us today. Inspire us to go from this place to love and serve your people. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS -Psalm 23;1 Peter 2:19-25

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.



For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure
pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are
beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure
when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.
For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered
for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in
his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in
his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse;
when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself
to the one who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free
from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you
have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but
now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your
souls.

L: The word of God for the people of God.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION Guardian of the Soul Rev. Katie Voigt

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30am service)

UMCA Choir

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

THE 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.

OFFERTORY *He is Exalted*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Unison)**

Caring and compassionate God, we feel like we have been through so much. Battered by division, perceived by some as too judgmental and by others as too accommodating, and we know our witness to the world has suffered. Bless the gifts we give and help them to be used to sow seeds of kindness, healing, hope, and justice. When we as a church falter, remind us that Christ, our Good Shepherd, never falters. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #318**

Christ is Alive

***WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING** (Responsively)

L: We live in a world where suffering is everywhere. We need God's presence with us in all our days.

P: In Christ, we have the Living Word of God to remind us that we are never farther from God than we are from our next breath.

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: And also, with you. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday April 23, 2023:

General Fund: \$2,411	8:00am -44
Building: \$60	10:30am -62
Special Sunday: \$66	
Memorial: \$460	

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Send info to editorumca@att.net in Word Doc form or body of email.

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