

Monticello

United Methodist Church

Welcome to worship! No matter where you are, where you have been, or where you are on your faith journey, our prayer is that you will find a place to belong in worship and mission with us.

April 30, 2023

8:30 am

Preparation for Worship

God invites us to be like sheep: to chew on things, stay close together, and listen for the voice of our shepherd. God invites us into green pastures to know the love of our Good Shepherd.
—Mary Sue Brookshire

Focus Scripture

Psalm 23

Prelude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Call to Worship

Hear Jesus' great truth: I am the gate for the sheep!

We recognize this voice. We've heard these words before.

Come in! You belong here! You are safe and cared for here!

We recognize the voice of our shepherd.

Follow and find green pastures and still waters!

We hear his voice.

I come to give life and give it abundantly.

Come one, come all!

*Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

No. 381

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

Risen Savior, Reliable Shepherd, we hear your voice calling us to follow. We remember our ancient brothers and sisters who gathered in prayer and praise. Today, we too gathered in prayer and praise. Enliven us with your resurrection power—a power that frees us from despair. Enliven us with your abundant life. May your living power flow through us in all we are and do! Amen.

Scripture

John 10:1-10

Kid's Time

Choral Anthem

If You Search With All Your Heart

Choir

Message

*Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

No. 474

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory

The Lord's My Shepherd

Doxology No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

God of Abundant Life, we devote ourselves and these gifts to your vision of a community that meets the needs of any and all. We give our gifts of money and work, of prayer and praise, of presence and purpose to our friends and neighbors. Bless our offering, that it may meet the needs, both small and large, of your great and generous blessings. Amen.

*Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians

No. 2223

Announcements

Benediction

As you go out into the world, practice being sheep...and slow down.

We shall listen for the voice of the shepherd calling us. Amen!

Postlude

I Will Enter His Gate

Staff and Worship Assistants:

Pastor: Kathy Bueker Sweet

Director of Music: Kathy Brown

Director of Family Ministries: Melanie Burger

Director of Youth Ministries: Will Pontious

Organists: Gloria Cardoni & Mary Ellen Dean

Director of Bell Choir: Barb Ozier

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Office Hours--Monday-Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 am WCZQ 105.5 FM

Worship: 8:30 am in person and Facebook Live

10:45 am in person

If you are visiting, we welcome you and invite you to Fellowship with coffee and conversation at Café 2020. We also have a Sunday School Hour from 9:45-10:30 am. We offer adult classes, our Orchard Children's Ministry classes for Preschool-5th grade, and our bi-weekly Orchard 567 class for our 5th-7th graders on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please join us as we dig into God's Word.

During today's service, please know that individual wireless receivers are available from the ushers. Rocking Chairs are located at the back for parents with babies, and our Kids' Corner is stocked with things to educate and entertain your children as well.

Food Pantry Requests: POTATOES (boxed or instant packets), peanut butter, taco fixin's, MUSTARD, mandarin oranges, spaghetti & meatballs, pasta dinners, chili, soup varieties, corn muffin mix, brownie mix, fruit drinks, GRAHAM CRACKERS.

*****Nursery Worker:** We are still in need of a 2nd person to serve in our church nursery. It is a paid position. Please let us know if you, or someone you know might like to join our team***.

Youth Group Mission Trip donations of travel-sized hygiene products can be dropped off at the Welcome Center up until we leave on the trip which is June 18. Thank You!

Calendar

Today

8:30 am Worship, in-person, online and radio
 9:45 am Sunday School classes
 (Adult and The Orchard)
 10:45 am Worship, in-person
 3:30 pm Game Night
 5-7 pm Youth Group

Monday, May 1

4:00 pm T.O.P.S (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 2

8:30 am Just Walking
 7:00 pm ZOOM Prayer

Wednesday, May 3

1:00 pm Bible Study
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 pm New Day Rehearsal

Thursday, May 4

8:30 am Just Walking

Friday, May 5

8 am Faith in Action - Appreciation Breakfast

Sunday, May 7

9:00 am Sunday School classes
 (Adult and The Orchard)
 10:00 am Combined Worship Service with
 Burning of the Mortgage,
 in-person, online and radio
 11:15 am Fellowship Meal
 5-7 pm Youth Group

Looking Ahead:

Outreach Committee Mtg, May 8 10 am
 Staff Parish - Tuesday, May 9, 7 pm
 W.A.T.Ch Meal - Wednesday May 10
 Trustees Mtg - Wednesday May 10, 5:30 pm
 Those Guys perform May 13, 7 pm
 P.E.O. Monday May 15 6:15 pm
 Youth Mission Trip Parents' Mtg -
 Monday May 15, 6:30 pm
 Church Council Mtg - Tues May 16, 7 pm
 Midwest Missions - All Day May 18