

Welcome to Worship at Central UMC!

We are blessed by your presence today! Please complete a **Connect Card** located in the pew back. Doing so allows you to connect with your church family by sharing prayer concerns, learning about new ministries and lets us know you joined us for worship.

Children are welcome to remain in the worship service. Our nursery is located in Room 107. Toddlers and Children through 2nd grade are invited to Kid's Worship following the Children's Message. Activity bags are available in the narthex.



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Guardian of the Soul

A LIVING HOPE WORSHIP SERIES

Central United Methodist Church

APRIL 30, 2023 | 11:00 AM

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



✠ Please stand in body or spirit. | UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
Congregational responses in **bold**.

PRELUDE *Come, Christians Join to Sing* arr. David Lowe

WELCOME Rev. Sigrid Mottram
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UMH 381

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erica Kirby

WITNESS

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Lanny Lancaster

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.

✠ **HYMN** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* UMH 474

OFFERING

✠ **THE DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Mottram

ANTHEM *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Allen Pote
The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters. The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life. Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name. And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff will 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 in the house of my God I will live forever. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

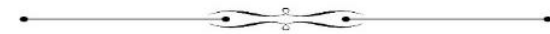
PSALM READING Psalm 23 UMH 137

SERMON *Guardian of our Souls* Rev. Lancaster

✠ **HYMN OF DEDICATION** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* UMH 138

✠ **BENEDICTION**

✠ **POSTLUDE** *Hanover* Charles Callahan



SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER: Rev. Lanny Lancaster

LITURGIST: Rev. Sigrid Mottram

MUSIC: Sung by Central Chancel Choir;
Jamie Bryson, organist/director; Kristi Shupe, pianist

LAY READER: Janet Lancaster