

Anthon United Methodist Church

4th Sunday of Easter

Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson

April 30, 2023 10:00 AM

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" **UMH #334**

Call to Worship Liturgist: Jerry Klindt

L: Come to the gate and find the Good Shepherd within.

P: We need a shepherd – round us up and bring us through your Gate, O Lord.

L: If you're hungry or thirsty, the Good Shepherd will provide for your needs.

P: That is just what we need. Our souls thirst for God's word.

L: Come, the Gate and the Shepherd await. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

God of all the sheep, those who remain close to you and those who stray, those who are always faithful and those who are lost: be with us today! Help us take a look at our lives and our relationship to you. Bring us close, draw us in, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading Acts 2: 42-47

Psalm 23 (Read Responsively) **UMC #754**

Children's Story

Hymn of Preparation "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" **UMH #381**

Gospel Reading John 10: 1-10

Today's Message

"They know His Voice"

Shirley

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology #95,**

Prayer of Dedication

All: Almighty and gracious God, we pray for your blessing today. As we come to give you our tithes and offerings, we ask that you would bless us in return. We bring our gifts to you this morning with love and support for your kingdom's work. In Jesus name we pray. AMEN.

Closing Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" **UMH #577**

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Jerry Klindt

Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Nina Osborne, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Eleanore Lewis, Fran & Keith Determann, David Beach, Susan Redenius, Dee Ashley, Ed Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Ralph Diamond, Trisha Thiessen, Randy Hayworth, Doris Waugh, Barb & Cal Tyre, and Keith Allman.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

May 1: Anthon Community Band Concert in O'Neill Park. 7:00. In case of bad weather, concert will be held in Anthon Events Center.

May 5 & 6: Stephanie Johnson will be having a 25 cent sale in the church fellowship hall on Anthon's town rummage sale days. Everything will be priced at 25 cents and the proceeds given to the Heifer project. If you have small items that you want to donate to the sale to be priced at 25 cents,

please drop them off at the church. The Friday sale will be from 4 to 7 p.m. and the Saturday sale will be from 9 to noon.

May 6: The Washta Women's luncheon has been cancelled for this coming Saturday.

May 8: Finance and Ad Board meeting at 7:00

May 14: Mother's Day serving Muffins for Mom and also celebrating Graduation Day for Highschool and College Seniors.

Missions: The front doors of the church will be open to drop off items

For April Mission Projects: Spring House Cleaning is coming. The Orphan Grain Train out of Ida Grove has been chosen for our new mission project. They are in need of shoes (wearable, good condition, but no high heel women's shoes. They also need men, women and children's clothes, scrubs, walkers, canes, crutches, and wheelchairs.

We are also starting our ingathering collection for our hygiene kits. There will be a list of needs on the table in the fellowship hall. If you would like to contribute money, please contact Shirley or Marilyn and we will shop for items needed.

Mar. Readers: May 7-Lisa Kerns, May 14-Autumn Hansen, May 21-Tim Hoy, May 28-Eileen Klindt.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Ryan Baldwin (30), Tanner Petersen (2).

May/June Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Anthon Military: To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You!

If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.

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