

Anthone Community Methodist Church
4th Sunday of Easter
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson
May 11, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Graduates Honored Shirley Nelson

Opening Song “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” UMH #381

Call to Worship Liturgist: JoLynne Reimert

L: Come, let us worship the Lord, our Rock.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone.
Jesus Christ, Cornerstone, Solid Rock!

L: Come, let us kneel at the feet of the good shepherd.

P: The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep, cares for the
sheep, knows each one by name. Good Shepherd, tender of our
souls, we worship you today. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Oh God, we are so preoccupied with counting sheep that we forget
how much we need a shepherd. We are so occupied with numbers and
statistics that we forget to leave the counting to you. You already know
the sum of the hairs on the very heads that you have anointed. You
know our days, our challenges, our successes and our needs. Today,
we confess that our greatest need is for a shepherd and the lesson that
we have yet to learn is how to be your sheep. AMEN.

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading Acts 4: 5-12

Psalm 23 (Read Responsively) UMH #754

Special Music “All the Way My Savior Leads Me” Erin Baird

Children’s Story

Kathy

Hymn of Preparation

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
UMH #400

Gospel Lesson

John 10: 11-18

Today’s Message

“The Good Shepherd”

Kathy Hodgdon

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)
The Lord’s Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #95,

Prayer of Dedication

All: God of love and guidance, as we offer these gifts, we remember
your faithful care for your people. Like the Good Shepherd, you
lead, protect, and provide for your flock. May these offerings be a
sign of our gratitude for your blessings, and a reflection of your
love that calls us to serve others and follow your path, as we pray
in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Closing Hymn “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” UMH #348

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude

Ministers.....EVERYONE!
Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson
Liturgist.....JoLynne Reimert
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,
Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, Ed and Carol Davis,
Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Eleanore Lewis,
Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Peggy Hansen, Bettina Perkins,

Barb Madsen, Elwanda Sheriff, Joyce Gothier, Jeanette Kummer,
Roger Hladik, Stephanie Johnson, Brittany Miller, Norma Bunnell,
Roger Nelson, Jen Kerns, Mark Nelson, Sally Schram, Steve Wilson,
Sheryl K Ashley, Finley Petersen, daughter of Tanner and Jenna Petersen, &
Ivy Petersen, daughter of Turner and Becca Petersen.

Bettina Perkins is in the Battle Creek Nursing Home, room 204

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today: Mother's Day – All the moms will be honored today with Muffins for Mom. Also, every lady in church this morning will receive a colored carnation. They will be on the table as you exit the sanctuary. Please take one as a gift and reminder of how important the women of the church are.

May 12: Administrative and Finance Board meeting at 4:30pm.

May 25: Memorial Day Sunday

May 26: Memorial Day Cemetery Services

May Readers: May 18-Tim Hoy, May 25-Sue Wilson.

May Children's Story: May 18-JoLynne Reimert, May 25-Roger Haldik.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries:

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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