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### Weekly Prayer List

Audrey Parker;  
Phillip Parker;  
Daniel Peach;  
Jeffrey & Sheri Peach;  
Dorothy Peterson

### Happy Birthday this week

Sherry Lehigh;  
Mary Monson;  
Mitchell Beck;  
Donna Froman



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If you have any pastoral care needs (in the hospital, illness, home care, etc.) or know of someone who does, please inform the church office ~ 451-4734. (The hospital does not call the church).

To watch from home, “Like” our Facebook page, and watch the service live at 9:00 a.m. on **Facebook Live**.

Also available 24-7 on [www.owatonnalive.com](http://www.owatonnalive.com)  
and click on the picture of United Methodist Church.

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Welcome to all visitors. When you are signing your name and address on the registration pad, **please** include your phone number ~ especially if you are new to our community.

## April 21st, 2024



## *Owatonna United Methodist Church*

We are called to . . .  
Gather in Christ's Name,  
Grow in God's Love,  
Serve All People.

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# The Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21st, 2024-9:00a.m.

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Prelude *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. Dale Wood

† Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words

\* Centering Hymn *Make Us One* Black #2224

Call to Worship:

L: How shall we live when we have more than enough?

**P: We have no greater praise to offer than caring for your creatures and Creation.**

L: The earth is our teacher – nurturing and tender.

**P: In this hour, O God, nourish us in the soil of your love.**

L: Let us worship God, the Ground of all Being.

Opening Prayer:

**Living Word, whose love abides in us, you call us to love in truth and action. Give courage to our hearts so we may love your beloveds. Open our ears to the wisdom of those you send, who might otherwise be dismissed. Transform our charity into justice over all the earth. Amen.**

Passing the Peace

\* Hymn of Praise *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing vs. 1-5* Red #57

Prayer of Confession:

**Good Shepherd, help us become your bold acolytes, lighting the way of your truth for all to see. Help us choose honorable paths through green pastures and still waters amid the darkest valleys of our lives. For you are greater than our fears and you know how to bring us peace. As you laid down your life for us, may we strive to live for others. We choose you this day, for no other name under heaven inspires us to greater joy. Amen.**

~Silent Confession~

Words of Assurance

Chancel Choir Anthem *Shepherd Me, O God* arr. Mark Hayes

Children's Time

\* Psalm 23, with sung responses Red #137

Gospel Reading John 10: 11-18

\* Hymn of Response *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Red #381

Epistle Lesson 1 John 3: 16-24

L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us:

**P: Thanks be to God, Amen!**

Message "We Abide in Christ" Pastor Lisa

\* Hymn *Where Charity and Love Prevail vs. 1-4* Red #549

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer Screen

Offering

\* Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* Red #95

Offering Prayer

\* Closing Hymn *His Name is Wonderful* Red #174

Benediction:

L: "Love will come to perfection in us when we can face the day of judgment without fear – because our relation to this world is just like Christ's. There is no fear in love, for perfect love drives out fear." (1 John 4:17-18)

**P: Form in us, O God, a community of creativity and collaboration.**

L: Our salvation is bound together with Creation.

Postlude *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!* arr. Lani Smith

\* Please stand as you are able.

† Welcome to all visitors. Everyone please sign and pass the attendance register, and please join us for a social time after the service. Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.