

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

ONE AMONG US HAS RESPONDED to Sherbourne UMC's call for a translator. Hooray! A second willing spirit is sought. Background: For sixteen years, a local church (2619 Sherbourne Rd. 23237) has fed the hungry. They are open from 9 to 11 am every Wednesday. Serving just once a month or as a substitute, with even the rustiest of Spanish, would be huge. Speak with Rachel.

MISSION CALENDAR UPDATE: Following May's focus on the Conference Offering, anticipate a call to fund school supplies for local elementary students. Thank-you for taking part in last Sunday's Brown Bag gathering. July - December planning is in motion and certainly richer for our conversation.

WITNESS

telling our stories, offering expressions of faith, being Christ-like

{Together}

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB: May 8 – June 19th. Between 4:00 and 6:00, stop by the church's front porch. Say hello to somebody. Take in the sunshine. Just be. It is a ministry of presence.



*Flowers are given by Susan, Gil, Lauren and Krissy
to glorify God and in honor of Sue G. Stewart on Mother's Day.*

Boulevard United Methodist Church



I can imagine that their fear got the best of them, and they got more concerned about the identity of the stranger than their own identity. So sometimes John's gospel sounds jarringly exclusive, in puzzling contrast to Jesus' voice of inclusive welcome. But the story of the shepherd helped them to remember a better way... and that was the way of love, not fear.

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Order of Worship for the 4th Sunday of Easter

Festival of the Christian Home - Mother's Day

(UMH) - The United Methodist Hymnal
(TFWS) - The Faith We Sing

* Please stand, as able.

Gathering

Words of Welcome

Introit *Gentle Shepherd*

*A Call to Praise and Prayer

One: We are sons and daughters, fearfully and wonderfully made.

All: Thank you, Lord.

Among us are those whose mothers gladly sacrificed.

Sustain them, Lord.

Others grieve mothers who went away too soon.

Uphold them, Lord.

We know women who labor to provide, women who are expecting, and women who have mothered beyond biology.

Bless them, Lord.

We honor the pain of those who wanted to, but could not; those who conceived, but were later struck by tragedy.

Sensitize us. Make us mindful.

We wonder about those who have loved and lost and about those for whom this day summons despair.

Holy comforter,

Fierce are the women whose imprint we bear. Give us grace to honor them by bringing our best before you;

this hour, this day, and always.

*Hymn *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* UMH 122

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Interlude

Proclamation and Response

Psalter Psalm 23 UMH 754

Sung Response (2058 TFWS)

Time with Children

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

Anthem *When Minds and Bodies Meet as One*

*Gospel Lesson John 10:1-10

Sermon "The Unclaimed" Rev. Rachel G. May

*Hymn *You Are Mine* TFWS 2218

Offering Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *Jesus the Loving Shepherd*

*Doxology (94 UMH)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (895 UMH)

Sending Forth

*Hymn *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* Insert
God We Praise You for the Women

*Benediction

NURTURE

caring for one another, for our space, and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS typically shape our order of service, including the sermon. If you'd like to prepare:

Next Sunday—5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:1-10

John 14:1-14

OUR PRAYERS INCLUDE Anne and Bob Wilkinson, Irene and Bill Wagner, Buster Ridell, Jamie and Lanier May, Jim Rickards, Jay McKinney, and Brittany Cooper. Wish to add or to restore a name to this printed list? Use the offering plate or contact the main office to say so.

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