

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday, April 21, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

***Welcome and Greeting***

***Prelude:*** "Give Me Jesus" (Spiritual, arr. Tom Fettke)

***Opening Sentences***

***Hymn 50:*** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

***Opening Prayer***

***Anthem:*** "Holy Manna" (from "Southern Harmony") (arr. John Carter)

***Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts***

*Doxology*

***Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*** (using debts and debtors)

***Gospel Reading:*** John 10:11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

***Sermon: "ALL IN"***

***Hymn 495:*** "They'll Know We Are Christians"

***Benediction***

***Benediction Response 497 (v. 1):*** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

***Greet One Another***

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Roger Kennedy, Rachel Gehres, Chancel Choir

THE TRIUNE GOD

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Psalm 23

Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Ancient Irish Melody

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With Thee, dear  
 5. Thou spread a ta - ble in my sight, Thy unc - tion  
 6. And so through all the length of days Thy good - ness

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if I am  
 soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant pas - tures  
 love He sought me, And on His shoul - der gen - tly  
 Lord, be - side me: Thy rod and staff my com - fort  
 grace be - stow - eth, And O what trans - port of de -  
 fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I sing Thy

His, And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 laid, And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
 light From Thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!  
 praise With - in Thy house for - ev - er. A - men.

*Unison* Fm Cm

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will  
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

Fm Bbm

one in the Lord, We are one in the  
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each  
 work side by side, We will work with each  
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

Fm

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we  
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -  
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll  
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all

# GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's pride:  
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Holy and eternal God, the commandment to love one another is both old and new, both universal and personal, both emboldening and humbling. We acknowledge that too often we are like fragments from a glass pane that has been shattered on the ground—disconnected, chaotically scattered and sharp-edged. Forgive us, Lord. As we resolve to seek Your will day by day, may Your Spirit bring deep and authentic love among persons and groups, nations and races, genders and generations. By this, may all know that we are Jesus' disciples. Amen.