

# ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. -Micah 6:8*



**Worship Bulletin**  
Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Liturgist, Paul VaughanMiller

Leader: In the darkest valley,  
**People: at the banquet table;**  
Leader: in the hard work of life,  
**People: at the moments of ease;**  
Leader: in our day-to-day reality,  
**People: at times set aside—**  
Leader: like this time, now—  
**People: for worship, for listening, for paying attention;**  
Leader: with every step we take:  
**People: goodness and mercy follow us;**  
*our cups overflow.*

### Opening Prayer

*\*Hymn #187 - Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
**People: But, O Lord, we are consumed with wanting more.**  
Leader: He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
**People: But, O Lord, other pastures seem greener.  
The waters aren't always still.  
Our souls still thirst.**  
Leader: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
**People: O Lord, we long to be led by you,  
though we may complain along the path.**  
Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.  
**People: And yet, O God, we do sometimes fear.**

**May we feel your presence, your comfort and your forgiveness anew.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**People: O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at your table.  
Forgive us and help us to see your overflowing mercy.**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

**People: Forgive us, God, and lead us into your house.**

*(Time for silent prayer and confession)*

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

### **Passing the Peace**

Leader: God makes peace within us.

**People: Let us claim it.**

Leader: God makes peace between us.

**People: Let us share it.**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you!**

*Please share signs of peace (ex. a wave, handshake, or high five) with each other.*

## **A Word for God's Children**

**Erica Russell**

### **Anthem**

***Shepherd Me, O God***

**St. Andrew Choir**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture – Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

### **Scripture – John 10:1-10**

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Jacqueline Decker Vanderpol**

**A Moment for Silent Reflection**

**\*Hymn #802 - *The King of Love My Shepherd Is***

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**I believe I need a shepherd.**

**Because I am sometimes timid and other times overconfident,  
because I often don't know the best path yet pretend I do,  
because I rush into dead ends or lead others into hazardous places,  
because my brightest ideas are seamed with darkness,  
because the things I crave may not be what is good for me,  
I need a shepherd.**

**I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd;  
his wisdom leads me to the optimum opportunities,  
his word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid,  
his arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden,  
his wounded body displays the cost of my rescue,  
I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd.**

**I believe that I do not find him but he finds me,  
that I am under his care by virtue of sheer grace,  
the love he gives me is to be shared with others,  
that he treasures my name and prepares a place for me,  
that his fold transfixes earth and heaven.  
I trust Jesus, the good shepherd.**

**Commissioning Those Walking the Camino de Santiago**

**Offering our Gifts and Gratitude**

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**\*Song of Dedication #36 - *For the Fruit of All Creation (v. 2)***

***In the just reward of labor, God's will be done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.***

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Our loving God, who is in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!**

***\*Hymn #707 - Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord***

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**\*Stand as able**

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*Today, and throughout the Easter season (until Pentecost), we use the color white to symbolize the joy, triumph, and glory of Christ's resurrection, the most celebratory season of the church year!*

## Worship Leaders

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## St. Andrew At-A-Glance

- **April 26** - Youth Group, Fireside Chats, Gather Boulder 20's and 30's Mindfulness and Meditation
- **April 28** - Guy's Night Out
- **April 29** - Noon Prayer Service
- **May 2** - HomeAhead Open Donation Hours
- **May 3** - Hybrid Worship - Graduation Sunday, Communion, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Sunday School, Youth Group
- **May 6** - Noon Prayer Service
- **May 7** - Women's Crafts and Conversation
- **May 9** - HomeAhead Open Donation Hours
- **May 10** - Hybrid Worship – Music Sunday, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Sunday School, Youth Group, Gather 20's and 30's Group Hike



**JOIN US FOR OUR  
SPRING WORSHIP EVENTS!**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Graduation Sunday

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** - Music Sunday

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** - Pentecost: Outdoor Worship  
and Sweet Cow MooMobile at 9:30am