



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 22, 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

* PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 23 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: O God, you are my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

P: You make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside still waters.

L: You revive my soul and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.

P: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

P: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

THE FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 4:5–12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

THE SECOND READING John 10:11–18

Jesus said, “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.”

HOMILY

“I Shall Not Want”

Rev. Corzine

MISSION INVITATION

Cash and designated checks go to **Sacred Earth** raising funds to purchase a tree to beautify the church property. Please help us to complete this drive. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN 247

My shepherd is the living God

Consolation

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant and preacher*

Tom Stewart, *pianist*

Cori Rowley, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Liturgist: Gary Leidheiser

Communion Preparation:

Refreshments: