



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 12, 2019

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 9:36–43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

THE SECOND READING John 10:22–30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

HOMILY

“Get Up and Move”

Rev. Ahrens

MISSION INVITATION

Antoinette Beynen

Cash and designated checks go to **The Well**. The Well is a weekly drop-in center for women formerly or currently trafficked in the sex industry in Central Ohio. The Salvation Army houses this center, which is part of its larger Anti-Human-Trafficking Program, serving as a primary victim service provider in the area. The Well offers women a network of resources for support and assistance. Each week women gather for a hot meal, group therapy, activities, Bible study, friendship and to make necklaces that provide the weekly \$10 stipend they receive. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN 247

My Shepherd Is the Living God

Consolation

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Anthony Brown, *celebrant*

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *preacher*

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston, *pianist*

Joe Baszynski, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19

Liturgists: Confirmation Class of 2019

Communion: Julie Roth

Refreshments: Julie Roth