



Melville United Church
Sunday, April 26
Fourth Sunday of Easter

** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today: Jen Auger and Rev. Mary Elliott



Welcome & Sharing the Light

Prelude/Centering Time: Improvisation

Life and Work of the Church

Call to Worship:

Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

***Hymn:** We Praise You O God VU#218

Opening Prayer:

Good Shepherd,

You call us by name, and we know your voice. Open the gate for us,
that we may come and go freely, have life, and have it abundantly.

Amen

Prayer of Inner Healing:

In as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess and know
that God will restore our souls.

Words of Affirmation:

**Resurrecting God, we confess to you and to one another that we have
not always followed Christ's example. We have gone astray. Lead us
back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.**

So it is true that we may be assured of this: we are forgiven by our
Creator.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

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Chorus: Alleluia MV 50

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Theme Conversation: Jen Auger

***Hymn:** Are You a Shepherd MV 126

Scripture Reading: Acts 4: 5-12

5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,
6with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who
were of the high-priestly family. 7When they had made the prisoners
stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did
you do this?' 8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers
of the people and elders, 9if we are questioned today because of a good
deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has
been healed, 10let 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.

11This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone."

12There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under
heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23 (VU 727)

Reader: Bob Foster

Scripture Reading: John 10:11-18 - *I am the Good Shepherd* Rev. Mary Elliot

11 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the
sheep. 12The 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. 13The hired hand runs away
because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14I am the good
shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15just as the Father
knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16I
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.
17For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order
to take it up again. 18No 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.'

Reflection:

Rev. Mary Elliot

***Hymn:** the Church's One Foundation VU 331

Offering:

Ministry of Music: God is My Shepherd - G. Young

Offering Song: I Am A New Creation

I am a new creation.

No more in condemnation.

Here in the grace of God I stand.

My heart is overflowing.

My love just keeps on growing.

Here in the grace of God I stand.

And I will praise you, God.

Yes, I will praise you, God.

And I will sing of all that you have done.

A joy that knows no limit.

A lightness in my spirit.

Here in the grace of God I stand.

***Offertory Prayer:**

Prayer Prelude: Where Two or Three Are Gathered

MV 14

Where two or three are gathered in my name,

I am there, I am there. (Repeat)

Prayers of the People, Prayer of Jesus:

***Hymn:** This Joyful Eastertide VU#177

***Blessing/Sending Forth:**

***Parting Song:** Melville Benediction.

Let's go out from here and take our place.

Respect creation sharing all God's grace.

Treasure the past and things we have done.

Open our mind to new things yet to come.

God will be with us within, around, above.

Bless all our doings. Let us go and love.

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Postlude: Prelude in G - F. Mendelsohn

Prayer of the Week: Thank you God, for shepherding me through each day. As I lie down to sleep help me to imagine green pastures and still waters, and to remember all the ways you have set a table before me and filled my cup to overflowing. Amen

Partners in Prayer: St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Fergus

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Oakland

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Joyce Keizerwaard, Diane Maloney,
Cathy and Bob Foster

Counters: Les Frayne, Art Russell

April 26 - Coffee in Parlour today - Karen Banu

<u>April</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Ministry</u>
26	Camping Sunday	Mary Elliott
May		
3	Music Sunday w/Children's Choir	
10	Christian Family Sun. Baptism	
17		Marion
24		Marion
June		
7	90 th anniv. of Church Union	