

## NORTHWOOD UMC WORSHIP – May 3, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

### Scripture of the Week – John 10:9

°I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

### Welcome

### CHECKING IN

Where do you... see God? Need God? Feel Joy? Feel Gratitude?

### KINGDOM TIME

#### Gathering Unison Prayer

We are standing at the gate, o loving Shepherd, not sure about the journey. But you have called our names, and in your voice we hear such love and surety. Bring us safely together on the journey and strengthen us that we may serve you in all that we do. AMEN.

Ministries Matters

### HYMN

Hymn – “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” UMH #381 vs. 1,3,4

### Responsive Call to Worship –

Liturgist: We are God’s church:

**ALL: We come together to worship.**

Liturgist: He has given us his Word:

**ALL: We come together to learn from him.**

Liturgist: He has filled us with his power:

**ALL: We go out to bring others to him.**

Liturgist: He has called us into his family:

**ALL: We come together to share our lives.**

Liturgist: He has put his words on our lips:

**ALL: We go out to tell the world about him.**

Liturgist: He has given us his Spirit:

**ALL: We come together to celebrate.**

Liturgist: He has showered us with his riches:

**ALL: We go out to share his goodness with others.**

Liturgist: He has freed us from our past:

**ALL: We come together to move forwards.**

Liturgist: He has planned for us a glorious future:

**ALL: We go out to live our lives to please him.**

Liturgist: We are God’s church:

**ALL: We come together to worship.**

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## **HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### **Scripture Lessons –**

#### **Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds<sup>[a]</sup> to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home<sup>[b]</sup> and ate their food with glad and generous<sup>[c]</sup> hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

#### **John 10:1-10**

<sup>10</sup> "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. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

### **Prayer of Illumination**

#### **Message – "All Things Together"**

#### **\*Hymn – "Bind Us Together" TFWS #2226 x2**

#### **Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer**

#### **Invitation to Give to the Living Christ ~ Ourselves, Our Love, and Our Gifts**

#### **Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings:**

**Mail your offering to: Northwood UMC, P.O. Box 295, Esko, MN 55733**

#### **Doxology – CH #814**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Explanation of the Love Feast**

**ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, our Guest to be, and bless these gifts bestowed by thee. Amen**

### **Sharing of Scripture**

**Share Coffee: Something to drink/eat while listening to the music.**

**Music during the partaking of the Love Feast Meal.**

### **Benediction/Dismissal**