

April 26, 2026



John 10:1-10



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Maxwell Methodist Church

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***Please stand if able**

Prelude. Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

We are led in Worship

Praise Team

We Worship as We Gather

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

People: **He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the gate for the sheep."

People: **We come to worship the one who leads us to abundant life.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Good Shepherd.

ALL: **Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

We Worship in Singing

*Hymn. "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Hymnal #130

We Worship in Prayer

***Merciful Shepherd, we confess that we often wander from Your fold. We fail to follow Your vice and seek our own way. When we see others from Your flock get away, we don't call out for them, and we let them continue on a dangerous path. Forgive us and lead us back to Your care. We pray this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

We Worship in Prayer

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Worship in Giving

Offering plates are at both doors as you enter or leave and will not be passed.

***Doxology / *Offertory Prayer**

We Worship in Song

Hymn. "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Hymnal #90

We Worship by Hearing the Word

Psalm 23 (NIV)

A psalm of David.

- ¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
²He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
³he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
⁴Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

1 Peter 2:19-25 (NIV)

¹⁹For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

²⁵For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

John 10:1-10 (NIV)

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

10 “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper

opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

We Worship in Learning the Word

Sermon. "The One Voice Worth Listening To" Rob Bacon

We Worship as in Song

*Hymn. "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" Hymnal #73

*Benediction

Postlude. Deb Mitchell



Announcements

- **Pastor's Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob 515-460-8885; Carol 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to office@maxwellmc.org by Wednesday.
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please sign up to bring refreshments for fellowship time.
- **SSNOW**: Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm (April 29 last day until fall)
- **Bible Babes Study**: Thursday @ 6:30 pm
- **Save the Date May 31**: Church cleaning day following worship.