

◆ Please make sure your cell phones are turned off during worship, so that you can fast from texting and other distractions. Also, please refrain from bring food and drink into the sanctuary.

◆ Please wear your mask while in the sanctuary and observe social distancing. Ushers will assist you when leaving the sanctuary. Hand sanitizing stations are available for your convenience.

## CENTERING WORDS

Pastor Nancy

The Good Shepherd has laid down His life for the sheep. We are part of the flock; we are part of Christ's body. In Christ, we find wholeness and restoration. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## PRELUDE

*Abide with Me*

Arr. Whitsett

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls.

**ALL: The one who has created us,  
who sustains us,  
who redeems us,  
who walks beside us in good times and bad,  
and who calls us to follow.  
This is our God!**

L: Let's worship Him together!

## OPENING PRAYER (ALL)

**Shepherd of love, guide our thoughts and our actions, that we too might become shepherds of love. Speak to our hearts as we listen this day, that our hearts may expand and embrace all of Your sheep. Love us fully, that we might love all of the flock of Your world as fully as we are loved by You. AMEN.**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## PRAYER FOR OUR TITHES &amp; OFFERINGS

Shepherd of love, bless these gifts with the power and presence of Your love. May Your love bring healing to a world in need of Your touch. May Your grace bring hope to a world in need of Your promise, and may our love be a sign, for all to see, that You are present in the world today. AMEN.

[If you wish to support Milton United Methodist Church with your tithes and gifts, please mail them to 1007 Church Street, Milton WV 25541. If available, you can also give through your bank. If you wish to make a gift today, there is an offering box

located at the parking lot entrance sidewalk, and there are offering plates at the doors of the sanctuary.]

OFFERTORY *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Arr. Robbins

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

## SCRIPTURE

John 10:11-18

## MESSAGE

**LISTENING FOR THE SHEPHERD**

Pastor Nancy

## RESPONSE

*His Name Is Wonderful* #174 UMH  
(seated, sung softly with masks on, please)

*His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,  
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.  
He is the mighty King, Master of everything;  
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.  
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,  
almighty God is He;  
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,  
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.*

## CLOSING BLESSING

Go now with your trust in the good shepherd, and may God be at your side; may Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life, and may the Holy Spirit abide in you.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

## POSTLUDE

*People Need the Lord*

Nelson/McHugh



**Welcome!**  
We are glad you are here.

**WELCOME:** Thank you for joining us for worship today! We hope that you will find our church to be a place where you feel welcome and experience the presence of God in a powerful way.

**SYMPATHY:** We express our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Robert Klinestiver who passed away April 21. He had been a member of Milton UMC since 1976.

**NOISY OFFERING:** We hope you brought all of your loose change today so we can make a joyful noise as we collect your offering for missions.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE** will be NEXT Sunday, May 2, at 2:00 PM via ZOOM. Those who represent MUMC to the District Conference should try to attend.

**DAY OF PRAYER:** The ministerial association and the city of Milton are sponsoring the National Day of Prayer recognition on Thursday, May 6, at 12:10 PM at city hall.

**MISSIONS:** The Celebration Of Mission Event will be held differently this year. On Sunday, September 12, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, there will be a drive-through/walk-through event at Ebenezer Community Outreach! Plans are incomplete, but we may manage some fun and worship, also.

## Continuing Prayer Concerns

*Recently added names are in Italics.*

**Nursing & Assisted Living Centers:**

*Cabell Health & Rehab: Louis Mae Conner*

**Others:** Our Elected Officials; Sunday School (Children, Youth, & Teachers); Military Personnel; Churches & Ministers; Missionaries; Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball; DS Rev. Dr. Okey Harless; Pastor Nancy White; 130<sup>th</sup> Unit of WV Air Nat'l Guard; and

Adam	Jordan	Ruth B.
Alice	Keith T.	Steve S.
Carlous	Ken H.	Terry B.
Elenora	Lois	Terry P.
Fran and Patty	Mike	Virgil
Heather J.	Millie	Winona

**CALENDAR for the Week Beginning APRIL 25**

**TODAY**

Mack Thomasson Sunday School Class ..... 10:00 AM  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 AM

**WEDNESDAY**

Adult Devotion, *Journey of the Cross* ..... Online

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Mack Thomasson Sunday School Class ..... 10:00 AM  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 AM

*<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father. And I lay down My life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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.”*

~John 10:11–18

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

Online ..... 82  
 Parking Lot ..... 4  
 Sanctuary ..... 36

*Sermon Notes*

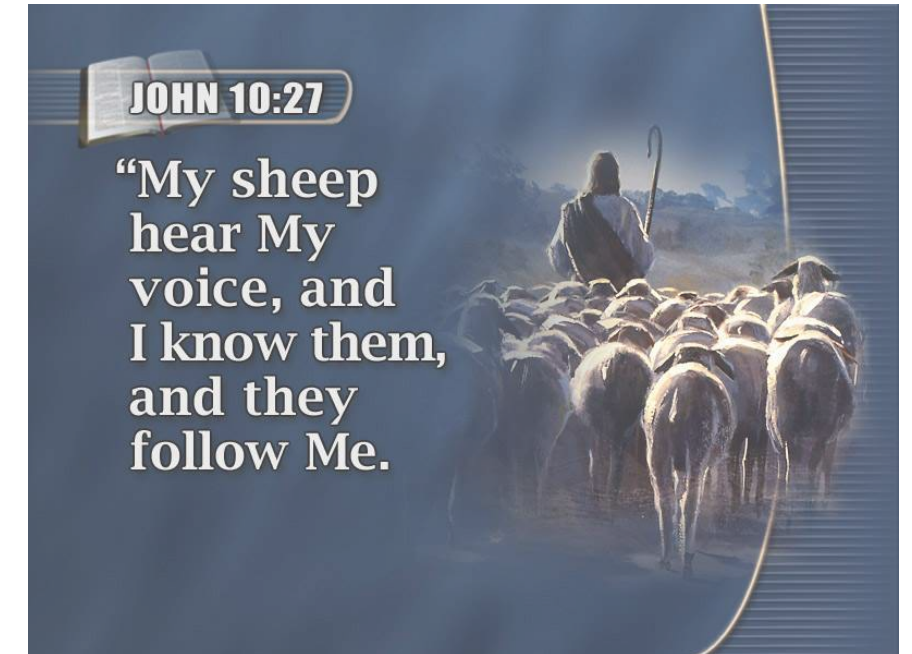
*open hearts  
 open minds  
 open doors*



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**Mission Statement**

*The mission of Milton United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by reflecting God's love through faith, worship, and service so others may discover God's grace.*



**Listening for the Shepherd**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 25, 2021**

Milton/Bethesda Charge  
 Reverend Nancy White, Pastor

Ministers: Every Person in the Congregation	Lay Leader: Brad Stewart
Song Leader: William Deel	Organist/Pianist: Lynn McGinnis
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