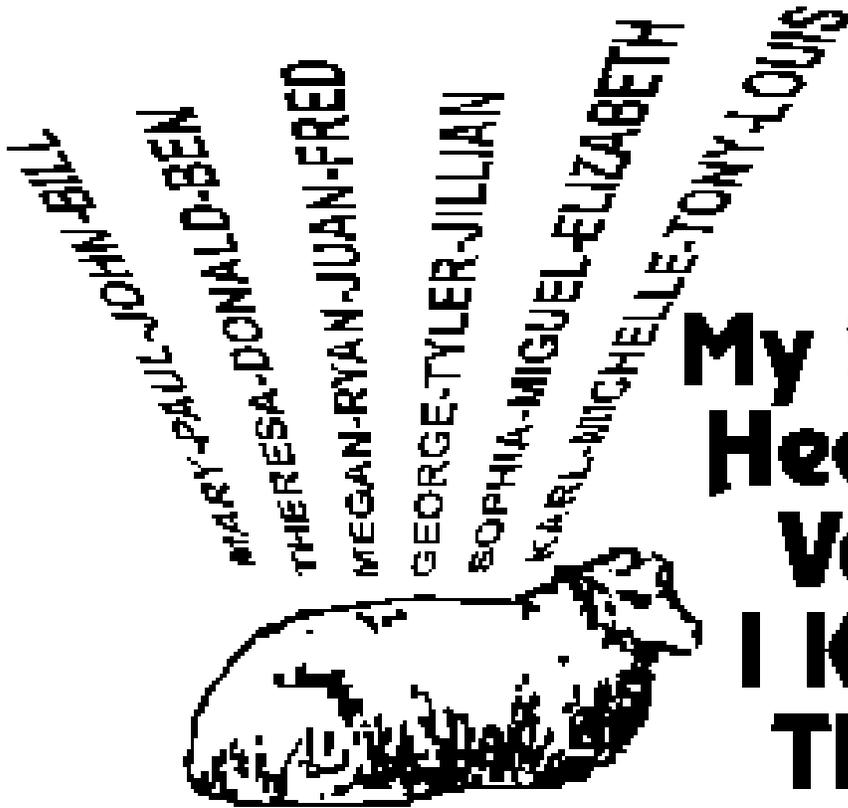


TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**My Sheep
Hear My
Voice
I Know
Them**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

829 Salem Road - Union, New Jersey

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY LEADER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

LAY LEADER

The Holy One knows each sheep,
calling to us by name.

**We hear the voice of Jesus,
calling us to follow him.**

The Holy One sees our need,
feeding us with wisdom and truth.

**We know the voice of Jesus,
leading us to goodness and peace.**

The Holy one protects and guides us,
showing us the way to eternal life.

**Let us worship our Shepherd,
who calls us here.**

OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

God of love and goodness,
you lead us into pastures of plenty,
giving us food for our bodies
and nourishment for our souls.

You show us the source of salvation,
filling our hearts with the clean,
fresh water of your love.

You guide us on difficult paths,
comforting us with the assurance of eternal life
in your name.

Help us recognize your voice,
that we may be at peace in your presence,
even when we are afraid. **Amen.**

***HYMN: #327** From All That Dwell Below the Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

God is present to guide our journey
and eager to forgive us when we go astray;
therefore, in humility and faith,
let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

ALL

**God of compassion and grace,
you call us to follow you
and to listen to the sound of your voice.
But we want to go our own way,
listening only to the sound of our desires.
You give us food that will fill our souls,
and water that will satisfy our thirst for you.
Still, we wander away,
looking for greener grass in other places.
You long to comfort our wounds
and protect us from harm.
Forgive us when we run towards danger,
refusing to accept the good gifts you offer.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LAY LEADER

Hear the Good News:
God's forgiveness is an endless fountain of love,
washing us in the waters of eternal life.
In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

ALL

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

***THE PEACE**

LAY LEADER

At rest in the dwelling place of God,
let us greet one another with signs of peace.
The peace of Christ be with you.
The peace of Christ be with you always.

ANTHEM: “God Is My Shepherd” by Kerry Pryor & Douglas Nolan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PASTOR

SCRIPTURE:

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Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

SERMON “*A Surprising Imitation*”

PASTOR

***HYMN:** #187 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

A TIME OF SHARING – JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
(Responsively)

PASTOR

O Risen Christ,
Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For the goodness of the earth,
that it may flourish with flowing waters,
verdant pastures, and paths that lead us
to protect and care for your creation.

O Risen Christ,
Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For the peace and welfare of the world,
that all our tables of work and worship
promote the understanding and dignity
that transform enemies into friends.

O Risen Christ,

Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For all who suffer with sickness, need, or danger,
that all our afflictions and fears are met with healing
and the comforting presence of your voice.

O Risen Christ,

Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For the blessings we receive and share,
that we may live a life of ceaseless praise
for the salvation that is ours through you.

O Risen Christ,

Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For the saints in light,
that you will wipe every tear from their eyes
as they dwell with you eternally.

O Risen Christ,

Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

Holy God,
you are our hope and our strength,
our light and our sovereign,
our shepherd and our savior.
With all the saints in heaven and on earth,
we praise your holy name and entrust every care to you.

As we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying...**Our Father...**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

We have been called to be witnesses to our faith.
We have been called to do so with joy and praise.
With hearts full of thanksgiving for all that we have received,
let us commit ourselves and our resources
to enable the church to be that fearless witness.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN #606**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Compassionate Shepherd,
accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude
for the generous gifts you give us—
gifts flowing from the eternal stream
of your grace. **Amen.**

LAY LEADER

***HYMN: #748 Go with Us, Lord**

CHARGE and BLESSING

PASTOR

POSTLUDE

WORSHIPPERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED:

*Join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for refreshments
and a time of fellowship.*

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

**The Townley Spring Rummage Sale was a great success!
Thank you all for your time and donations.**



Study Resumes May 15 – 6:00 PM

6 Themes of the Bible Everyone Should Know
See Pastor Ron for a book if you plan to attend.

“A Time for Prayer” - Mondays at 4:00 PM

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Townley’s Program Task Force is spearheading a ***Food Bank Sunday***, where on each 4th Sunday they will receive donations of non-perishable food items to contribute to the Connecticut Farms Food Pantry. We are asking our members to support this initiative by giving one non-perishable food item (or \$1) per week.

Kindly drop off your items in the **Food Box** in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY – FRONT STEPS DEDICATION

Please mark your calendars! On the first of June, June 2nd, we will be having our Annual Friends and Family Day. This year’s service will also include the dedication of our recently rebuilt front steps. Let us celebrate how richly God continues to bless Townley. His blessings are evident in His people and in His building. ***Invite friend and family to join us.*** More info to follow on program and food.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Agnes Tumfour	10
Sandy Corritore	18
Tom Hunt	24
Betsy Smith	31

A Note from Our Treasurer: 5/5/2019

We received \$1409 in pledge & plate.

Janet Sangekar

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