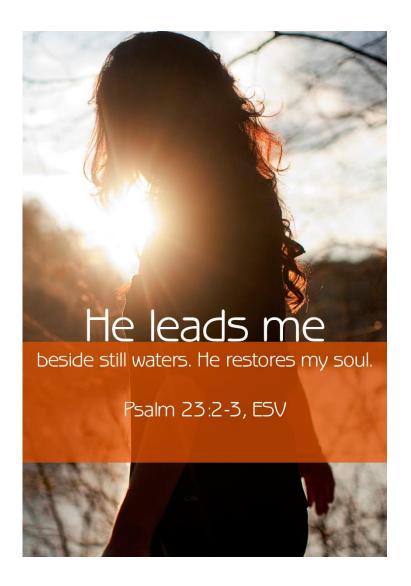
# Leominster

United Methodist Church
4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 | 9:30am



Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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# **Order of Worship**

\*Indicates standing as able.

**BOLD TYPE** indicates words spoken in unison by the congregation.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

Gathering

Prelude

"Morning Greetings" Marcia Bisson
D. Paxton

\*Call to Worship

Julie Haven

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters.

They shall mount up with wings like eagles. He restores my soul.

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

They shall run and not be weary. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil, for thou art with me.

They shall walk and not faint.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

# all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

\*Processional

"He Leadeth Me: O

UMH #128

Hymn

Blessed Thought"

Greeting

Pastor Michelle

**Opening Prayer** 

Julie Haven

Children's Message

Pastor Michelle

After the children's message, all children age 0 – grade 5 are invited to meet our Sunday School teachers in the Narthex for Sunday School.

Confession Julie Haven

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another.

We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience.

We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved

ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*The Peace Julie Haven

\*Gospel Lesson John 10:11-18 Julie Haven

\*Sung Gospel Response UMH #328

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
God's beloved chorus say, Alleluia!
Made like him, like we rise, Alleluia!
Grace transforms our world and lives, Alleluia!

Sermon Pastor Michelle

Response to the "O Jesus, I Have Senior Choir Word Promised"

L. Smith

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #883

Offertory Marcia Bisson

Commitment Cards, Prayer Cards, and

Visitor Information Cards may be placed

in the offering plates.

\*Doxology UMH #95

\*Prayer of Dedication Julie Haven

Opportunities for Discipleship Pastor Michelle

Prayers of the God, in your great Pastor Michelle People love,

hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

\*Recessional "God Will Take Care UMH #130

Hymn of You"

\*Benediction Pastor Michelle

Postlude "Blest Be the Tie Marcia Bisson

That Binds"

Nagelli/Burroughs

# Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service for refreshment, games and conversation.

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The Call to Worship is based on Psalm 23 & Isaiah 40 and is written by B. J. Beu. The Opening Prayer was written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes. The Confession is from The Worship Sourcebook, ©2004, Faith Alive Christian Resources.

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# Please Pray For...

#### Church Members

**Eddie Strobel** 

Tammy Weaver

Dennis Grammont, cancer & Parkinson's Disease

Ron St Laurent

James Stephen

Malie Marino, ongoing recovery from back injury

Doug Lurie

Nancy Dougherty, dementia

- \*Dawnne Prince, healing from surgery
- \*Belinda Scott, healing from a car accident

# Family and Friends of Church Members

Carl, father of Dawnne Prince

Rebecca Parent, daughter of Maryann Kane

Leslie, ALS (Edith's niece)

The Campbell Family (Phyllis)

Ellen (Mel)

Kevin Bazucki (Wendy)

Christina for health issues (Nancy Gates)

Trish, receiving Chemo (Mel)

Dr. Brusic, Chemo (Edith)

Melissa, cancer (Diana)

Ken Lavoie (Sam)

Marianne's son-in-law diagnosed with malignant brain tumor (AnnMarie)

Tina (Mel)

Wendy Garcia, on dialysis (Wendy)

Bob O'Neill, Bladder Cancer (Edith)

Dan for his lungs to heal (Bruce)

Thomas Burretta battling stage 4 bone & lymphoma cancer (Elizabeth)

Normand & his wife, both on hospice (Wendy)

Will on dialysis, cancer, now heart attack (Wendy)

Linda & son Tom who has head injury due to motorcycle accident (Wendy)

Marcia Carmichael to continue managing blood sugar, praise she is out of hospital (Wendy)

\*Praise for the birth of Jestina & Samuel's grandchild

\*David B, recovery from bladder surgery

# Those who are grieving

The Family of Lori Snowden, Belinda's sister \*The Family of Cynthia Smith

#### Our World

All Nations & people affected by war All affected by natural disasters All affected by violence in its many forms

#### Our Leaders

Bishop Johnson, D.S. Megan Stowe, Pastor Michelle All of our civic leaders & elected officials

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#### This Week at LUMC

# Sunday, April 21

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Youth Group 10:45 am Coffee Hour 11:00 am The Shack Bible Study 7:00 am The Shack Bible Study

# Tuesday, April 23

5:30 pm Passover Sedar @ Congregation Agudat Achim

# Wednesday, April 24

2:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians Bible Study 7:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians Bible Study 7:00 pm Board of Trustees meeting

# Thursday, April 25

6:00 pm Membership Class

# Friday, April 26

7:00 pm Choir Practice

## Saturday, April 27

8:00 Food Pantry/Clothing Closet

### Sunday, April 28

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 10:45 am Coffee Hour 11:00 am The Shack Bible Study 7:00 am The Shack Bible Study

#### Welcome

No matter your age, race, nationality, political affiliation, documentation status, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and spiritual/religious background, you are welcome here. In alignment with the New England Annual Conference's actions in 2016 and 2019 and the 2022 New England Declaration, we affirm people of all genders and sexualities in their callings to singleness or marriage, lay or ordained ministry of any kind, and the baptism of their children.

