



# West Plains United Church

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April 21, 2024  
**Fourth Sunday of  
Easter**

*Good Shepherd  
Sunday*

*\*Indicates an invitation to stand, as you are able.  
VU - Voices United hymn book, MV - More Voices hymn book.*

## ***GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE***

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*We begin with a time of reflection.*

**Prelude:** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

-arr. W. Held

### **Opening Words**

**\*Hymn:** "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" VU 210

### **Opening Prayer**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations**

## ***PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD***

### **Prayer of Illumination**

#### **Scriptures:**

Psalm #23 (Sung by all) VU 748

Acts 4: 5-17

John 10: 11-18

**Hymn:** "True Faith Needs No Defence"

MV 139

**Sermon:** "How Could Something Good Be so Much  
Trouble?"

**Anthem:** “The King of Love”

- arr. G. Gonzalez

## ***GIVING THANKS TO GOD***

**\*Dedication of Offering:**

VU 541

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures high and low,  
Give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayer Refrain:** “Great Shepherd of Your People” (VU 398)

*Great Shepherd of your people, hear!  
your presence now display;  
as you have given a place for prayer,  
so give us hearts to pray.*

**Pastoral Prayer and the Prayer of Jesus**

(VU 921)

## ***GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME***

**\*Hymn:** “All the Way My Saviour Leads Me”

VU 635

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

*You are invited to remain seated until the Postlude is concluded to enjoy  
a time of meditation as we conclude our worship service.*

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**Minister: The Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner**  
**Music Director: Lianne Tan**  
**Pianist: Mary Starodub**  
**Office Administrator: Wendy Thomson**  
**Video Technician: Jacob Sadler**  
**Caretakers: Maria DaSilva and Will Fennema**

**Please keep in your Prayers this week:**

Tony Vandervlist, Christina Vandervlist, Jan Hazelton, Marnie Gaylard, Tillie Hazzard, Joan King, Danvers Leng.

Please join our weekly **newsletter** to get the latest West Plains news as well as news from the surrounding community! Go to [www.westplains.ca](http://www.westplains.ca) and click on the **newsletter** icon on the front page.

*First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are mindful that West Plains stands on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishnabe and that we are all treaty people, parties to the Dish With One Spoon. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with all who live and work and worship on it.*

**Calling all Men of West Plains!** Sunday, May 12th is our annual Men's Choir day in the choir loft! Please contact Lianne at [tan\\_lianne@yahoo.ca](mailto:tan_lianne@yahoo.ca) to join in singing on this special day. Short rehearsals will be held on Sundays after church on April 21<sup>st</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup> (for those who can attend, Thursday rehearsal May 9<sup>th</sup> 2:15-3:30).

**Spring has Sprung!!** The Property Committee are hosting a spring cleanup day at the church on April 27, 9am to Noon. All are welcome! Bring your own gardening tools if you have them. No previous experience is required. We hope to clean up the hedges, gardens and yard in general.

**The Journey to Pentecost.** West Plains Faith and Formation committee is hosting an Easter Bible Study titled "The Journey Continues". Led by Rev. Barbara, everyone is welcome. From Tuesday, April 9th to May 14th, we will meet in the Church Parlour or connect via Zoom from 1:30 to 2:30. Contact Rev. Barbara at [bmorr2@icloud.com](mailto:bmorr2@icloud.com) for the Zoom link or any further information. Come and be welcomed, as we journey together through Easter to Pentecost.