

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ENTRANCE

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Behold the Lamb” Rambo

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A Native American Interpretation of the 23rd Psalm

The GREAT FATHER above a SHEPHERD CHIEF is.

I am His and with Him I want not.

He throws out to me a rope,

and the name of the rope is love

and He draws me to where the grass is green

and the water is not dangerous,

and I eat and lie down and am satisfied.

Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down

but He lifts me up again and draws me into a good road.

His name is WONDERFUL.

Sometime, it may be very soon,

it may be a long, long time,

He will draw me into a valley.

It is dark there, but I'll be afraid not,

for it is between those mountains

that the SHEPHERD CHIEF will meet me

and the hunger that I have in my heart

all through life will be satisfied.

Sometimes he makes the love rope into a whip,

but afterwards, He gives a staff to lean upon.

He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods.

He puts His hand upon my head

and all the "tired" is gone.

My cup he fills till it runs over.

What I tell is true.

I lie not.

These roads that are "away ahead"

will stay with me through this life and after;

and afterwards,

I will go to live in the Big Teepee

and sit down with the SHEPHERD CHIEF forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jan

*HYMN 381 UMH “Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10

ANTHEM "In Your Presence, Praise"

Pete Carlson and Regi Stone arr. Mauldin

SERMON Discovering Jesus: Evidence by the Book

RESPONSE 137 UMH

Psalms 23

OFFERTORY

“Be Still and Know”

arr. Verhaalen

*DOXOLOGY 95 UMH

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN 601 UMH “Thy Word is a Lamp”

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

Smith

****Congregation invited to stand as you are able.***

Prayer Request

Please provide information below:

Person placing the request:

Prayer Requested for:

Name:

*Their Need :*_____

*Are they family, friend,
co-worker or neighbor?*

YES or NO

*May we share your prayer
request in our bulletins and
newsletters?*

YES or NO

*Email:*_____

*Phone:*_____

To GROVE

We Are Glad You Are Here!

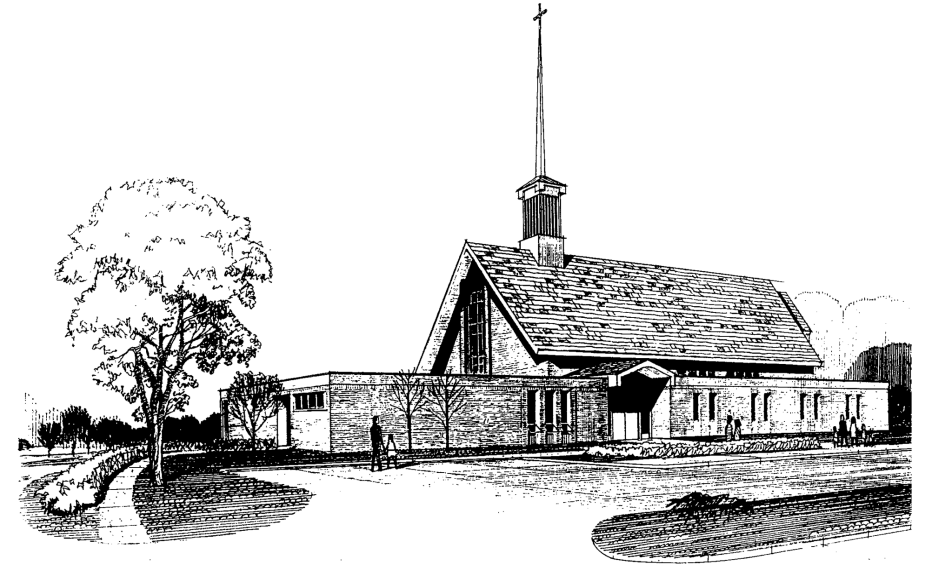
Today you will experience Christ-centered worship and fellowship. Want to know more about our ministries and opportunities? Your ushers, members and pastor are here to assist you. Welcome to Grove!

Chris Dunn	Doug Fitzpatrick
Bob Surber	Becky Ritter
Shannon Nelson	Carolee Bondurant
Pattie Crawford	Jim Radford
Amy Black	Jim Keffer
Jim & Sonya Nicely	Sam Belcher
Diane Pryor	Drew DeHart
Renie Price	Ovella Wade
Mildred Wall	Those homebound & in assisted living

USHERS.....	Betsy Hagan, John Russell
LITURGIST.....	Libby Watts
SOUND TECHNICIAN.....	Dana Watson
ALTAR GUILD.....	Delores Smith & Ann Lucas Perry
COUNTERS.....	Betsy Hagan, Marceline Hunter & Bob Boggess
NURSERY.....	Patrick McKenney & Diane Christian

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April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:00 am



Pat Brown
Organist

Rev. Dr. Joe Borden
Chancel Choir Director

Libby Watts
Handbell Choir Director

Donna Alley
Finance Assistant

Lynn Wright
Custodian

Dana E. Watson
Administrative Assistant

Jim Harrison
Pianist

Ila Schepisi
Deacon in Residence

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Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us.

Break through our barriers, opening new doors of dreams, hopes, and possibilities beyond what we know and can imagine.

Grant us courage to walk through the doors you are opening.

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