

UNION CHURCH OF POCANTICO HILLS

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Monday– Friday

The Mission of Union Church:

.... To provide a home where all are welcome
to worship God,
to learn and grow as Christians, and
to share our love, friendship and support
with all those whose lives we touch.

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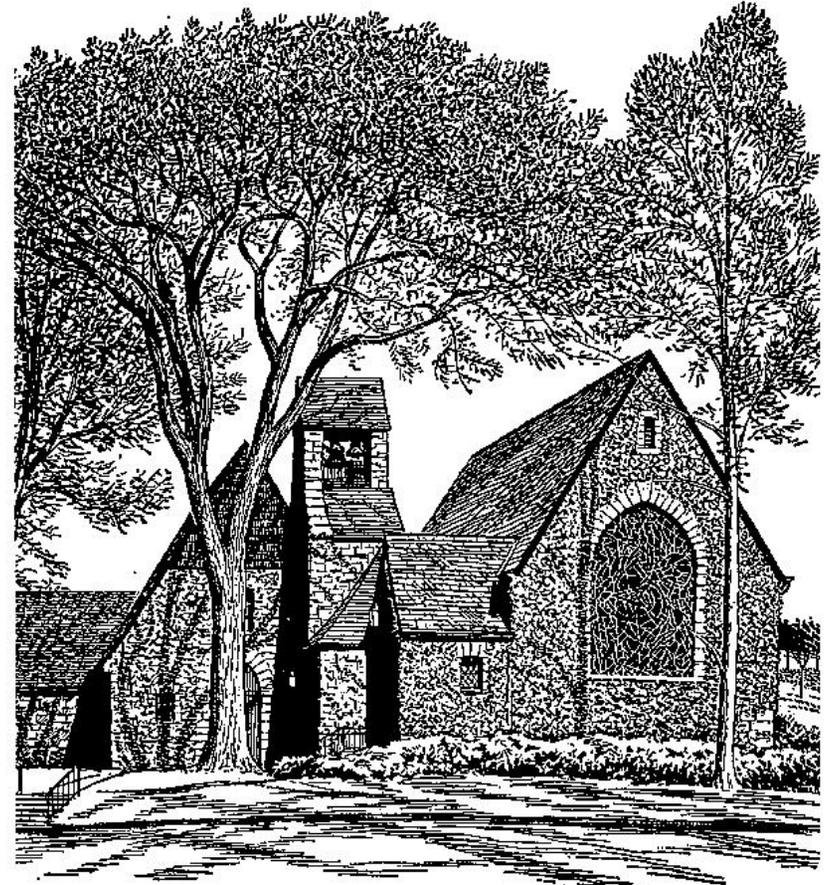
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

May 8, 2022



Union Church of Pocantico Hills

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo—*Interim Pastor*

Richard Coffey—*Organist and Music Director*

Melissa Share—*Deacon*

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship.

*Words spoken or sung by the congregation are noted in **bold** type.*

** Please stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

Gathering Music: Improvisation on Service Music Themes

The Striking of the Hour

Prelude for Organ Léon Boellmann (1862-1897)
Prayer from *Suite Gothique*

Introit Words (1868): Henry Williams Baker
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
Music: *St. Columba*, ancient Irish melody

The setting may be found in the Hymnal, 171, stanza one.

Call to Worship

Lift your hearts,
raise your voices,
and join the heavenly host
who forever sing:

**Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

* Hymn 477 *Hanover*
“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

* Call to Confession

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP HOUR—All are invited for coffee, tea and conversation in the parish hall following the service. Fellowship hour is hosted today by Yvette Lin.

PRAYER REQUESTS—Rosalyn DeHoff, Christina Grohowski, Mary T. Johnson, Barbara Smith and Emma Thaler.

HEARING ASSISTANCE—The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

CHOIR—Membership in the Union Church Choir is open to all members and friends who enjoy singing. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. For more information, please speak with Richard Coffey.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom [<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81767495135>]. Review and discuss the Scripture readings for next Sunday with Dr. DeGarmo.

SPRING FAIR—The tag sale continues this afternoon from noon to 3:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING--NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Congregation of the Union Church of Pocantico Hills will be held for the purpose of considering a call to a Pastor and commencing in the Sanctuary of the Union Church of Pocantico Hills, Tarrytown, New York, on Sunday, May 15, 2022, following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

Offertory Anthem

Words: Psalm 23

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

Setting (1956): Thomas Matthews

Rachel Schlesinger, mezzo-soprano, and the Choir

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

* Presentation of Gifts—Hymn 592

Old Hundredth

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

* Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

* Hymn 151

Diademata

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

* Charge and Blessing

Postlude for Organ

Healey Willian (1880-1968)

Postlude in D Major



The walking stick in the chancel was presented to Dr. DeGarmo by his previous congregation. It serves as a reminder that he is accompanying Union Church on its journey through this transition period between permanent pastors.

* Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,
in the presence of our enemies,
we divide and demonize.
When you face our enemies,
you choose neither contempt nor punishment,
but set a table and make provision for us all.
Our ways are not your ways, O Creator,
and they are an affront to the work of your hands.
Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us.
Send our risen Lord among us again
to repair relationships and restore humanity.
Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus
just as he does at his table.
Help us to receive your love
so that we can love others.
Help us to receive your love
so that we can love ourselves.**

* Silent Prayer and Confession

* Words of Assurance

Hear the sound of your Shepherd's voice:
Jesus says, I give you eternal life.
You will never perish.
No one can snatch you out of my hand.
Believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, nurtured, and safe.
Thanks be to God!

* Congregational Response—Hymnal No. 417 (stanza four)

“Laud and Honor to the Father” *Regent Square*
**Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.**

Welcome and Community Celebrations and Concerns

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Anthem

Words: Janice Lovoos (1903-2007)

“Touch the Hem of His Garment”

Setting: Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

Ruth Tedder DiLorenzo, soprano, and the Choir

*Touch the hem of His garment,
Let his love make you whole.
Hear the voice of the shepherd
And He will lead you into the fold.
Touch the hem of His garment,
Leave the darkness of sin,
Feel the strength of His presence,
And you will know the power within.
In loving arms He will take you,
He'll never leave you nor forsake you.
And if you trust, He will make you
Rejoice and lay your burdens at His feet.
Touch the hem of His garment,
Leave the darkness of night,
Feel the might of His glory,
And he will guide you into the light.*

Second Lesson

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What

my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Members of the Flock”

Dr. DeGarmo

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

**Life in Christ is life eternal.
The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
that God will consummate the work
of creation and reconciliation beyond death
and bring to fulfillment
the new life begun in Christ.**

* Hymn 387

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Bradbury

Prayers of Intercession

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

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Access online giving by texting “UCPH” to 77977 on your smartphone and following the link that will appear.