Olivet's Mission:

Rejoicing in Jesus – Growing our faith – Passing it on!

Pastor: Rev. Alex Thomas
Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Olivet family welcomes all people with open arms, hearts, and minds! *Please stand in body or spirit.

WE GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Introit This is My Commandment Strummers

Invocation

One: The good shepherd guides us all to safety, refreshment,

and peace.

All: God meets us here today!

*Call to Worship

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He lays down his life for his sheep.
One: The Lord Christ is our shepherd.

All: He knows us, and we belong to him.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

We will listen here and now.

*Hymn of Praise Have You Seen Jesus My Lord See Monitor

Prayer of the Day

WE PROCLAIM

Prayer for the Illumination of Scripture (in unison)

Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives. Amen. Psalm Reading Psalm 23, NRSV

Anthem Ah, Holy Jesus

Gospel Reading John 10:11-18, NRSV

Sermon One Flock, One Shepherd Pastor Alex Thomas

WE RESPOND

*Hymn of Response Savior Like a Shepherd 381

Prayers of the People (to share a joy or concern, call or text Pastor Alex up to one hour before service begins at 410-231-1115)

Response: God of goodness and mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison) 895

Offering

*Doxology (in unison)

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

*Sending Forth Hymn Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133

*Benediction & Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

- ♣ To get further connected with us, we invite you to fill out a connection card in the back of the Sanctuary.
- ♣ Please be sure to sign in on the attendance sheet in the back, which provides accurate worship numbers for our annual statistical reporting. Also in the back, are prayer request cards and a sign-in sheet to serve as a worship assistant. Worship is always a team effort!
- ♣ We usually have Giant & Weis \$100 gift cards (Olivet gets \$5 for each), and free flowers across the street in the GNC for the taking.
- Lastly, we enjoy coffee fellowship after worship. All are welcome!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Mon, Apr 22	Sabbath Day – Church Office Closed	
Tues, Apr 23	Flying Needles	6:00 PM
Wed, Apr 24	Grief Support Group	11:00 AM
	Strummers Practice	3:00 PM
	Choir Practice	4:00 PM
Thurs, Apr 25	NO Ripple Center Worship this day	
	VBS Planning Meeting	6:30 PM
Sat, Apr 27	AA Meeting (call Bob E. 410-279-6664)	7:00 AM
Sun, Apr 28	Sunday Worship Service	9:30 AM
	Fellowship Hour	10:30 AM

For further information, check out our website at <u>olivetumc-lusby.org</u>.

Video Zoom Connection: ID: 216-168-3604, PW: 181188
Phone Zoom: Call 1-253-215-8782, Enter 216-168-3604#, PW: 181188

For pastoral care or prayer needs, call the church office, or text/email Pastor Alex Thomas at 410-231-1115, olivetumcpastor@gmail.com.

Olivet Stewardship: Love in Action		
2024 Approved Budget	\$218,396.94	
Average Weekly Income Needed	\$4,300.00	
Average Weekly Giving as of 3/31/24	\$4,331.63	
Average weekly Giving as of 3/31/24	\$4,331.63	

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4th Sunday of Eastertide, April 21, 2024

Good morning and welcome to worship! The fourth Sunday of Eastertide is always Good Shepherd Sunday. Chances are, you'll hear the words "sheep" and "shepherd" countless times today! I studied abroad in Ireland for a month one summer and I had to have seen thousands of sheep grazing all over the rolling, emerald green hills. They always seemed so picturesque, like they belonged there, and content, like they knew they belonged there. Sheep have a reputation of being rather doltish, though they simply prefer being led. Being an obedient follower is anything but doltish!

Jesus is our good shepherd, which means he leads us to accept the inherent, God-given goodness each of us was born with. We can and should take comfort in being like sheep who just want to be led. The word "pastoral" has two meanings: one is related to the keeping of sheep or cattle, and one is related to the duty of a clergyperson. A pastor's role is to direct everyone's devotion and attention to Christ, which means all pastors are united in mission. We are one flock led by the one shepherd, and he is Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Going Forth Prayer: Lord, in this season of change, help us to be content with where and how we're led anew, all to your glory. Amen.