

NEW DORP & VANDERBILT MORAVIAN CHURCHES

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 08, 2022 – 10:00am

Pastor Wellesley Ferguson Music Director – Mr. Dylan Sauerwald

***Indicates everyone who is able is invited to stand**

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here to worship with us! In these weeks between Easter and Pentecost our lessons are focused on how the risen Christ was revealed to His disciples and to the world. As we gather on this Lord's Day, let us turn our hearts toward our living Lord, who relieves our doubts, calms our storms, restores our hope, and fills our lives with abundant joy.

As you prepare for worship, please remember to silence your cell phone.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" Revelation 7:10

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

A Prayer As You Prepare:

"Awesome God, without Christ, we would be trapped in the dark. Thank you for bringing light into the darkness of earth. When we feel like the darkness envelops us, remind us that you are always with us. Amen"

PRELUDE

*HYMN "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" **MBW #529**

* A LITANY on screen

SCRIPTURE

New Testament	Acts 9:36-43	Page 133
Psalms	Psalms 23	Page 553
The Gospel:	John 10:22-30	Page 107

CHOIR ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON "Channels of Blessings." **Pastor Wellesley Ferguson**

HYMN "Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice" **MBW #662**

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Response: "Hear Our Prayer O Lord..." **MBW #825**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Praise God...." **MBW #817**

PRAYER

HYMN "Savior Like a Shepherd, Lead Us." **MBW #731**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



The Lord has risen!
The Lord has risen, indeed!

*Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments
at the conclusion of our service.*

*A LITANY

Leader: This is a place of gathering.

People: We gather to celebrate God's love.

This is a place of praise-bringing.

We praise God for gifts both wonderful and gracious.

This is a place of listening.

We listen for God's life-giving Word to inspire and lead us.

This is a place for building a faith community.

Joined together in community, we can work together for God's justice and bring God's peace.

The Good Shepherd brings us together.

With joy, we join in community to worship and serve.

As the Shepherd has known rejection, yet You, our God care for us.

When the storm rages, in times of distress we are secure.

As the Shepherd has known adversity, yet You, our God lead us.

In a maze of tough choices, through the darkest night, our Guide will show us the Way.

The Shepherd has known hatred and abuse, yet You our God, still show us Your love.

In life, in death, our Shepherd will bring us home. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You reveal Yourself in many ways, O God.

Many images help us to understand Your special significance to us.

You reveal Yourself as Shepherd.

When we ignore Your wise call, when we go our own way, Forgive us!

You reveal Yourself as Gracious Host.

When we turn down Your invitation, When we focus on the faults of our fellow guests, Forgive us!

You reveal Yourself as Friend.

When we rely only on our own resources, When our pride refuses freely offered help. Forgive us!

You reveal Yourself as Protector.

When we will not recognize the needs of others, When we fail to support the downtrodden, Forgive us!

Like lost sheep, we have strayed off the right paths and gone our own way. O God, we have let You down.

But You know us beyond our imagining. You know us through and through. You will not keep us in the dark and pointless places.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You put us on our feet again; You bring us back to the right road.

We are ready to follow You, our Shepherd leader.

Pardon and peace are yours.

To God be thanks and praise! Amen!