

*"I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
(John 10:11; CEB)*

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude John Kwon
Welcome Rev. Park
Announcements
Call to Worship Melanie Bomersback

L: Listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd!

P: God, help us to hear the Shepherd's voice and follow him.

L: Refuse to listen to the hireling of the wolf!

P: Hirelings don't care, and wolves snatch and scatter.

L: Listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd!

P: Today, we turn our hearts and our attention to the Good Shepherd who loves the sheep and knows each one of us by name. Amen.

Opening Hymn **Sweet Hour of Prayer** **UMH #496**

1. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

2. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
The joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Children's Message Jane Heidemann
Pastoral Prayer Rev. Park
The 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading **John 10:11-18** Melanie Bomersback
This is the Word of Life for all the people of God.
Thanks be to God

Offering Anthem **I Will Not Be Afraid** Children's Choir
*You may give online at www.bfvumc.org/online-giving or mail to
Bethany of Fox Valley UMC, 2200 Ridge Ave. Aurora, IL. 60504*

Message God's Goodness II Rev. Park
The Good Shepherd

SENDING FORTH

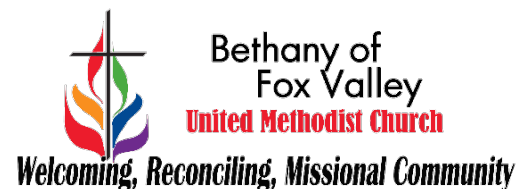
Closing Hymn **God Is Good All the Time** **W&S #3026**

Refrain: God is good, God is good all the time. God is good, God is good all the time.

1. In our doubts, hopes and fears, joys and tears,
God is good, God is good all the time.
2. When there's no one to share our despair,
God is good, God is good all the time.
3. When there's love to be found all around,
God is good, God is good all the time.
4. When our sorrows we bring, let us sing:
God is good, God is good all the time.
5. As our thanks and our praise now we raise,
God is good, God is good all the time.

Benediction Rev. Park
Postlude John Kwon

Date	4/26	5/3	5/10	5/17
Engagements	505 (online)	550 (online)	41 (online)	361 (online)
Offering	\$4,992 \$400 (Easter)	\$6,611	\$2,685	\$1,977



Announcements

I. Bethany of Fox Valley Church Office is Open

Karen D'Aversa is now back in the church office. The office will resume regular hours of Tuesday through Friday, 9am to 12:30pm beginning May 26. You are encouraged to continue to use phone calls and emails as much as possible as we are trying to maintain a virtual office at this time.

II. Bethany Garden Grows Food for All

Most people these days are impacted and hurt by the COVID-19 pandemic. The unemployment rate has been surging beyond control and the financial suffering of neighbors and friends has been overwhelming as this is currently a common occurrence of events. Moreover, the American food production system has been facing a difficult and uncertain future to fulfill the demand of our community. Down below, there is information you need in order to help our community. Here is how Bethany can help our community:

By the grace of God, there is a community garden in the back yard of the church, which has been cultivated by Sam Sims and Susanna Brandon for long years. This year, this garden is devoted to produce fresh vegetables in order to feed our people in our community. If you want to join the effort of the Bethany garden, please contact Sam Sims(valandsam1@gmail.com) and Susanna Brandon (susieg60510@yahoo.com). In this way, we are going to plant another seed of hope in our garden during this crisis.

III. Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry

No one should go hungry during the COVID-19 pandemic. With school closures, job disruptions, and health risks, many people in our communities have been turning to the food pantry for much-needed support. To support people facing hunger, the pastor's discretionary fund will be mainly used as the COVID-19 Response Fund. For every \$1 donated, the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry will provide \$7 worth of food.

If you want to donate for this matter, you can send a check with "Aurora Food Pantry" in the Memo to the Bethany of Fox Valley UMC or make an online offering at www.BFVUMC.org and indicate it as "Aurora Food Pantry" in special instructions.

We are a Missional Church.

IV. A Free Online VBS

As COVID-19 continues to spread, many young families in our community have felt so vulnerable and a sense of unpredictability. In the midst of these challenging times for all, Bethany would like plant another seed of healthy spirit and good hope in the lives of children by opening A FREE ONLINE VBS through a live stream in July this year. Now, more than ever, our children in the community need to experience the hope and guidance of our good shepherd, Jesus Christ. For this, we need your spiritual and financial support to open the free online VBS.

Our budget goal to host 100 children is \$2,000. If you are able, please make a donation to Bethany of Fox Valley UMC (Check memo: VBS at 2200 Ridge Ave. Aurora IL 60504 or www.bfvumc.org/online-giving). If you are unable to donate financially at this time, there are still many other ways you can support the VBS. You may contact the director of VBS, Bonni Pear(bppear@agencyinmotion.com) or Pastor Sam(pastorsam@bfvumc.com).

In times like this, we are reminded of how we serve our community as a missional church. Thank you for being a faithful and hopeful church. Without your church embedded in your life, none of our church ministry is possible.

God is good all the time!

V. Daily Scripture on Facebook Page

When we eat physical food, we're supplied with the nutrients we need to live and be healthy. We get the energy to go to work, exercise, and spend time with family and friends. Similarly, when we eat spiritual food we're supplied to live our spiritual life. Nowadays, many people want to cope with the many challenges that come into our lives as going through a season of fear, depression, and disappointment. Bethany wants to feed you spiritual food by sharing a daily scripture from Monday thru Friday on Facebook page. It is a good opportunity to maintain a healthy and hopeful spirit in you and your people. Please feed yourself with God's Word and receive the spiritual energy and nourishment.

VI. Generous Online Giving

While we are keeping one another safe by practicing social distancing through online worship services, please know that your giving is vital to maintain the ministries of the church. You can continue to financially support by giving online through Bethany's website, www.bfvumc.org. On the home page select Online Giving in the upper right corner of the screen. You will see that you have two choices: you can donate via your bank account through our partnership with Vanco, or you can donate via PayPal/Credit Card. Both options allow you to make a one-time donation or a recurring donation. If you prefer, you can continue to support the church by mailing your contribution to **Bethany of Fox Valley UMC, 2200 Ridge Avenue, Aurora, IL 60504**