

Liturgist: Tom Robinson

Scripture Reading for May 3, 2026:

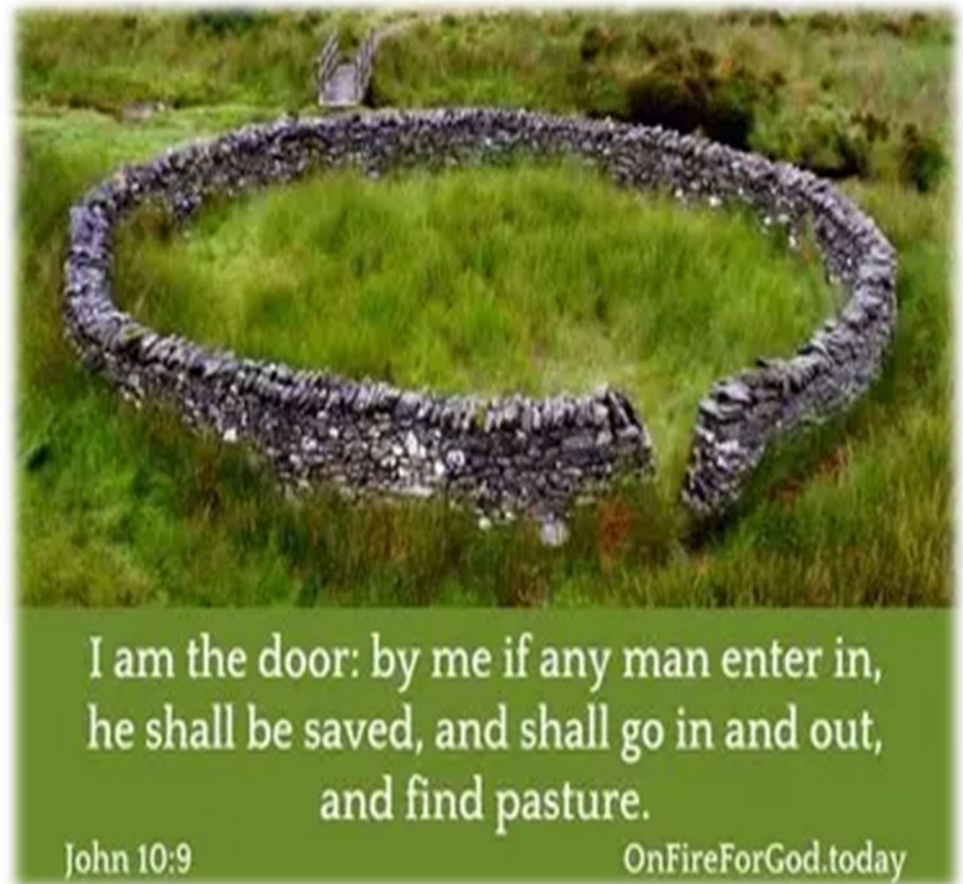
**Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10;
John 14:1-14**

Worship Attendance Last Week: 68

Sunday School Attendance: 38

In most churches, when they display images of the good shepherd, they show Jesus carrying a nice, fluffy little lamb. Now, fluffy little lambs don't stray from their mommies. The sheep that will stray is the most obstreperous, troublesome one. Desmond Tutu – I don't know about you, but the thought that Jesus even searches for the obstreperous and troublesome one gives me great comfort. Pastor Booker

**Ministers: All Professing Members of Locust Grove GMC
Pastor: Rev. Booker Brown, Jr.**



Locust Grove Global Methodist Church

Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 AM

Worship, 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

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(*Please Stand as You Are Able)

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

GATHERING

PRAISE SONG

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL WORSHIP*

L: Hear Jesus' great truth: I am the gate for the sheep.

P: We recognize this voice. We've heard these words before.

L: Come in, you belong here! You are safe and cared for here.

P: We recognize the voice of our shepherd.

L: Follow Jesus and find green pastures and still waters.

P: We can hear his voice calling us.

L: Jesus said, I come to give life and give it abundantly.

P: Come, let us worship the Good Shepherd.

Amen

**OPENING PRAYER (In UNISON)*

Risen Savior, you are our reliable shepherd. We hear your voice calling us to follow you. We remember our ancient brothers and sisters who gathered in prayer and praise. Today, we too gather in prayer and praise. Enliven us with your resurrection power, a power that frees us from despair. Enliven us with your abundant life. May your living power flow through us in all we are and do. Amen!

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor Booker

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Booker

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

#895, Hymnal

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (Pg. 1659)

Acts 2:42-47

Please Stand for the Gospel Reading.

GOSPEL LESSON (Pg. 1633)

John 10:1-10

SERMON

"Guarding the Gate"

Pastor Booker

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Psalm 23, (Pg. 792), Pew Bible

CLOSING HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#381, Hymnal

GOING FORTH FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE