



10:00 AM

Rincon Congregational U.C.C.

April 5, 2026

***To be a beacon of God's love and justice.***

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*“Never be so focused on what you’re looking for  
that you overlook the thing you actually find.”*

- Ann Patchett (December 2nd, 1963 - )

## **GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

**Prelude**

*He is Exalted*

arr. Fred Bock

**Welcome and Announcements**

Beth Shelby

**+ Hymn # 233**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

vs 1 - 2

**+Call to Worship**

Rev. Karen MacDonald

One: Some of us come with disbelief, some of us worn from grief,  
Some of us shriveled with fear, some of us come angry at empire.

**All: All are welcome! Come as you are!**

**We come as we are.**

**Together we will light the beacon of joy and faith  
in a world full of shadows!**

One: From last night until today, something has shifted.  
Something burns in our hearts.  
We can't see it, but we can feel it.

**All: A woman leads to this sacred place.  
We follow her courage, wisdom and faith  
to the place that once held death.  
Open now, bright with the energy of angels.**

One: It is right that Mary was the first to see Jesus.  
The women were the ones who birthed, blessed, anointed, and witnessed.

**All: We stand at this tomb turned womb,  
Now a place of rebirth, of resurrection.  
We rejoice at the wonder, the mystery of Jesus!**

One: He who healed and resurrected, fed and nurtured.  
He who was taunted, tortured and crucified.  
He whom death could not hold.

**All: We rejoice at the wonder and the mystery of Jesus!  
Then and now!  
We thank you, Jesus for your example  
of possibility beyond what we can see or imagine.  
We thank you for your embodiment of spirit  
and your divine dance of life, death, heaven, earth.  
The great both/and!  
Give us grace to live, love and serve  
in places where life is not easy to see,  
but where the breath of God still animates.  
Amen.**

### **+Contemporary Voice**

**+ Hymn # 252**

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

vs 1 - 2

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Scripture**

John 20:1-18

**Anthem**

*You Raise Me Up*

**Sermon**

*What Mary Saw*

Rev. Louis J. Mitchell

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**+ Hymn # 349**

*I Come With Joy*

vs 1 - 2

**Communion**

## Communion Music

### Communion Prayer

What was lost, was found anew!  
Our sadness was turned to joy!  
Impossibility turned to reality.  
From death, new life came to be!  
This is our truth and this is our testimony! Amen!

### Invitation to Generosity

#### Offertory

*I Am*

by Carolyn Stanhope

### Prayer of Dedication

#### GOING IN GOD'S NAME

#### +Hymn # 249

*Peace, I Leave with You*

vs 1 - 2

#### + Benediction

#### +Postlude

*I've Just See Jesus*

arr. Fred Bock

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+ Please stand if able

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Loen Arrington, Gene Buell, Kathy Clow, Rachel Cox, April Jones, Jackie McKenzie, Donna McCue, John Myers, Terri Ridzelski, Shirley Schoenberger, Louise Small, Bill Young, Aston Bloom's brother-in-law Dale, Aston Bloom's stepdaughter Trisha, Don Cole's cousin Heather and her daughter Alex, Annabel Crites' son-in-law Keith, Amy D'Arpino's Aunt Kristi, Amy D'Arpino's cousin MeLinda, Amy D'Arpino's friend Kathy, Amy D'Arpino's friend Nicole, Chris Jones' father Doug, Karen Melik's friend Greg, Rev. Louis' brother Darrel, Rev. Louis' cousin Anna, Rev. Louis' friend Almah, Rev Louis' friend Jan, Rev. Louis' mentor Rev. Jonathan Thunderword, Carolyn Murphy's friend Joanne, Shari Murphy's friends Linda, John, and Cece, Carol Peterson's mother Doris, Carol Peterson's friend Shawn, Terri Ridzelski's son Johan, Shirley Schoenberger's daughter Michelle, Louise Small's daughter Amy, Evelyn Spitzer's friend Sam and his family, Evelyn Spitzer's sister in law Marie, Alex Tentser's brother Yevgeny and his family and his mother Dina, Bill Young's friend Gena and son Griffin, Oak Flat/Chi'chil Bildagoteel.

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

*The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.*

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias  
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

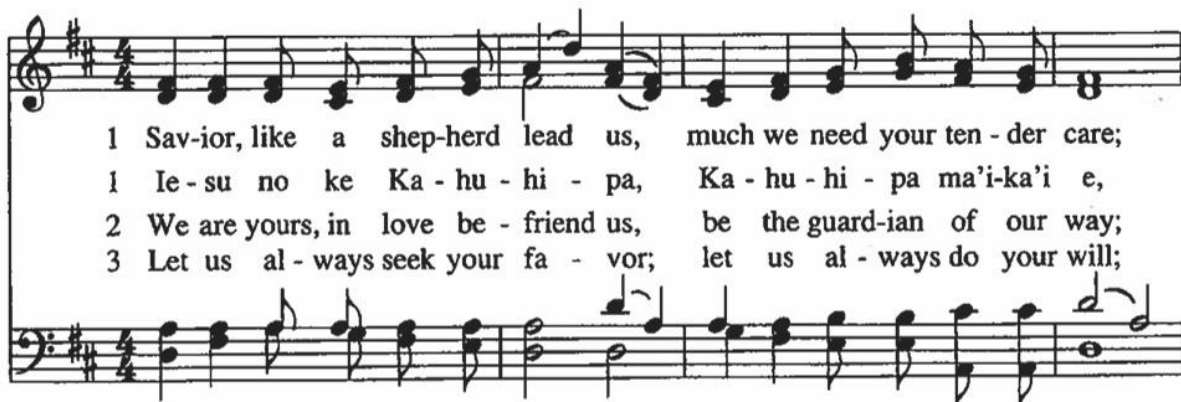
# Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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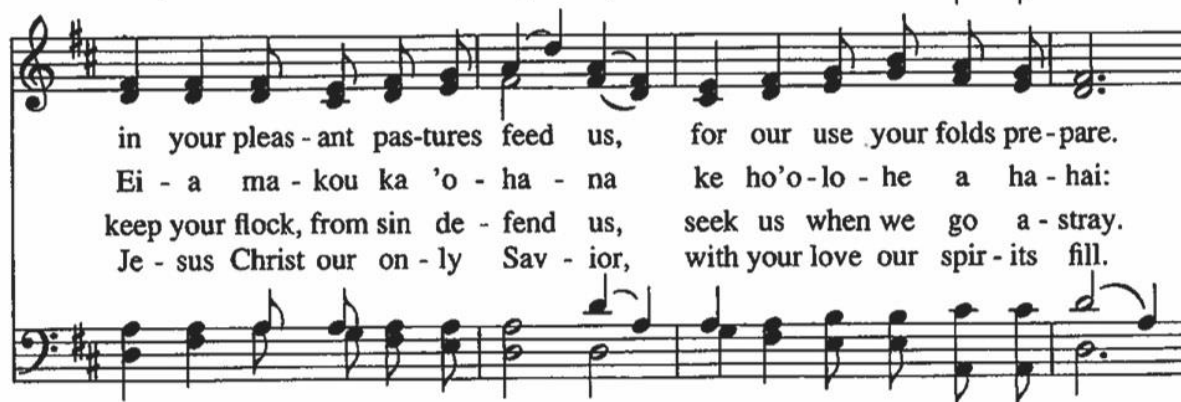
From Hymns for the Young, 1836; alt.

St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807-1886)

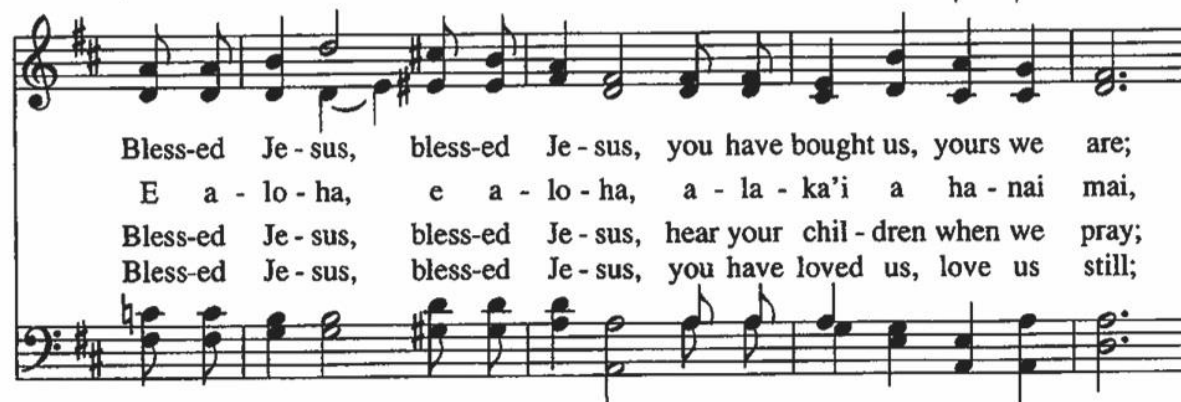
John 10:1-29



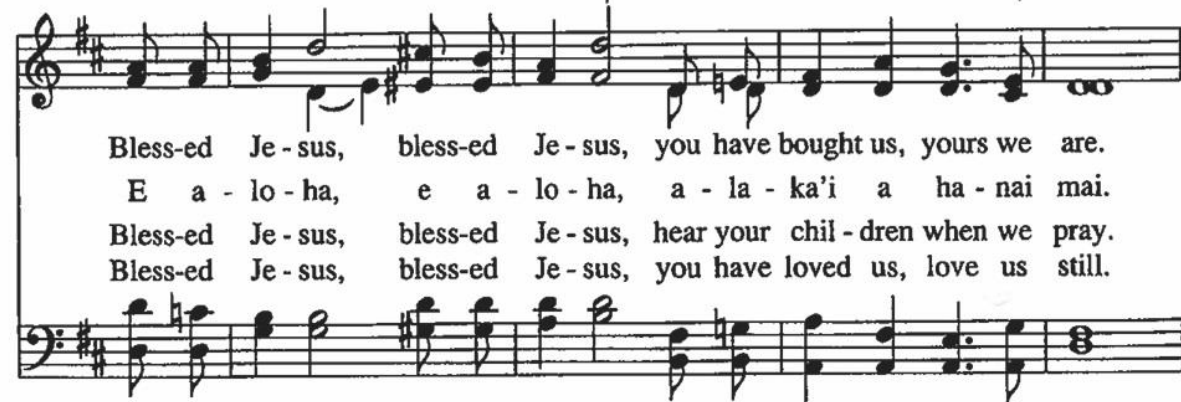
1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten-der care;  
 1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,  
 2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;



in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.  
 Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are;  
 E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray;  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still;



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*The theme of Christ as shepherd is familiar and beloved to Christians. Emma Lyons Doyle, granddaughter of Laiana (translator Lorenzo Lyons), once said, "If you want to know the full beauty of this hymn, hear it sung in Hawaiian."*

Tune: BRADBURY 8.7.8.7.D.  
 William B. Bradbury, 1859

## Peace I Leave with You, My Friends

John 14:18-29

Ray Repp, 1967

*Refrain*

D Em G D F#m

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in

Em Gm D Em G D F#m

all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to

Bm Em G D 1-2 3

you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

D Em G D

1 To share God's love is why I came,  
2 Take my hand and be at peace;  
3 With this love now all will know

F#m Em/G Gm

to show God's kind - ness with - out end.  
the spir - it of our love I send.  
that lone - li - ness is at an end.

Songwriter Ray Repp has composed and recorded numerous albums of liturgical songs since 1965, when he introduced guitar into worship with his "Mass for Young Americans."

Tune: PEACE, MY FRIENDS Irr. with refrain  
Ray Repp, 1967  
Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

EASTER SEASON

D Em G D

Go now, my friends, and do the same,  
And with this love you will be free,  
Re-joice, my friends, al - though I go,

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of the song. The treble clef staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 7/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. The lyrics are centered under the treble staff.

F#m G A7 to Refrain

un-til I come a - gain.  
un-til I come a - gain.  
for I will come a - gain.

Detailed description: This system contains the final line of the song and the beginning of a refrain. The treble clef staff continues the melody, ending with a long note on the word 'gain' that has a slur underneath it. The bass clef staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are centered under the treble staff.

# I Come with Joy

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1982, 1994

*Unison*

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will

free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that  
 stay, And go with joy to love the world and

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 Christ is ris - en here, that Christ is ris - en here.  
 live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.

*One of Brian Wren's most widely published texts, this hymn was originally written to "sum up a series of sermons on the meaning of communion. It tries to use simple words to suggest important theological themes."*

Tune: DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6.  
 Southern Harmony, 1835  
 Arr. Austin Lovelace, 1977

**“PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF LOVE AS TAUGHT BY JESUS CHRIST”**

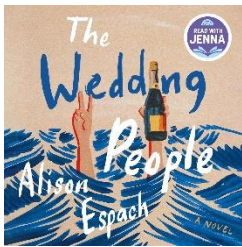
**PROGRESSIVE BIBLE STUDY** – Join us on Wednesdays at 12pm in Room 10 and via Zoom. Starting on Ash Wednesday and for the following 6 weeks we will read and talk about the Apocrypha (also called the Deuterocanonical books) of the Bible. These books and include wisdom literature, stories, and histories written in the several hundred years before Jesus. Deemed valuable but not at the same level as the canonical books, they have been largely ignored by Protestants. Yet they are alluded to at times in the New Testament and were certainly familiar to most of its writers. Their study is of value to anyone who wants to deepen their knowledge of the faith. The study guide is \$10.00. I will be available in the church office.

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**A Company of Readers - Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** in Room 12 at **2:00 PM**. April's book of the month is *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach. A Company of Readers meets the 4th Monday of each month. The group typically alternates between fiction and non-fiction. Please note, you are welcome to participate any time; join in when you can and when the book interests you.

**“INCREASE TRUTH, LOVE, AND JUSTICE IN THE WORLD”**

**CREATING BELONGING** – Next meeting **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall** - We invite you to join our monthly gathering, Creating Belonging. We come together to share and reflect on the intentional work we are doing to examine and dismantle racism in our own lives, the systems we impact, and within the institution of the church.

**CASA MARIA SANDWICH MAKING** – *Every five weeks Rincon volunteers prepare nearly 1,500 sandwiches for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen. We meet starting at 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Next meeting: Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Judy Hubbard at 520-790-8471 or [donarcher2@cox.net](mailto:donarcher2@cox.net).*

**PRIMAVERA** – Next meeting: **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**. Every month on the fourth Friday, members meet at 3:00pm in the church kitchen to prepare a hot meal for 50 to 80 men at the Primavera Emergency Men's Shelter. At 4:30 they leave to deliver and

serve the meal. New workers are always welcome! For more information contact Ann Geiger at 520-529-6223 or [ghgeiger@aol.com](mailto:ghgeiger@aol.com).

**ICS MOBILE FOOD TRUCK** - Rincon volunteers distribute food on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 8:30 am to 9:30 am to people needing food assistance. If interested in volunteering for this ministry, please call or email Linda Stone for more information. Linda Stone (520-999-0253) or [basketladylks@gmail.com](mailto:basketladylks@gmail.com).

**“SUPPORT THE CHURCH FINANCIALLY”**

When making payments to the church either by check, bill pay, or PayPal, please remember to complete the 'Memo' line on your submission. This will allow for more accurate record keeping and for funds to be directed as you intend them to be.

## Today's Leadership

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Louis J. Mitchell  
**Accompanist:** Dr. Alex Tentser  
**Music:** Matt Rinaldi  
**Liturgist:** Rev. Karen MacDonald  
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Grounded in openness and with respect and justice for all, Rincon Congregational United Church of Christ is a welcoming and progressive Christian community that believes in a God who is more about grace than judgment. Inspired by meaningful worship and teaching, we strive to be God's heart and hands in action, seeking to be living examples of Christ's abundant love.

### **All Who Come to Worship God are Welcome!**

Together we seek to love the world and to embrace others as Jesus did. Therefore, everyone is invited into full membership regardless of age, race, ethnic origin or worldly condition. We are an **Open and Affirming** congregation, accepting and valuing people regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity and physical/mental ability. We also are a **Just Peace Church**, committed to corporately naming and boldly proclaiming a public identity as a justice-doing, peace-seeking church.

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**Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9-12 & 1-5**  
**Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall**

## **This Week's Meetings**

### **Sunday, April 5**

#### **Easter Sunday**

- 10:00 AM ~ Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM ~ Easter Egg Hunt (Prayer Garden)
- 11:30 AM ~ Easter Tea Party (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00 PM ~ New Beginnings (Room 1A)
- 4:30 PM ~ Desert Voices Chorus (Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary)

### **Monday, April 6**

#### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY**

- 9:30 AM ~ Knitting Group (Room 1A)
- 10:00 AM ~ CPR Classes Near Me (Room 1A)
- 7:00 PM ~ Reveille Men's Chorus (Fellowship Hall)

### **Tuesday, April 7**

- 7:00 PM ~ Al-Anon (Room 10)

### **Wednesday, April 8**

- 12:00 PM ~ Bible Study (Room 10)
- 6:00 PM ~ Marshallese Ministry (Room 10)
- 6:30 PM ~ Buildings & Grounds (Zoom)
- 7:00 PM ~ Desert Voices (Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, April 9**

- 10:00 AM ~ Coffee with Rev. Louis (Tucson Coffee Roasters 250 S Craycroft RD)
- 3:30 PM ~ Congregational Life (Room 12)
- 6:00 PM ~ CPR Classes Near Me (Room 1A)
- 6:00 PM ~ Reverb (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 PM ~ Personnel (Zoom)

### **Friday, April 10**

- 10:00 AM ~ R.E.D. Training Solutions – Jeremiah Thomas (Room 1A)

### **Saturday, April 11**

- 10:00 AM ~ Families Transformed (Rooms 10 and 1A)

### **Sunday, April 12**

- 10:00 AM ~ Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 PM ~ Church Council (Zoom)
- 2:00 PM ~ New Beginnings (Room 1A)
- 4:30 PM ~ Desert Voices Chorus (Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary)