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*and guideth me in the ways of peace,  
to glorify His name.*

*And tho' in death's dark valley  
my steps must wander,  
my spirit shall not fear,  
for Thou art by me still;*



*Thy rod and staff are with me,  
and they shall comfort me.*

### REFLECTION

### MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING

**HYMN - *Eat This Bread and Never Hunger***  
(VU 471)

### COMMUNION

**HYMN - *Deep In Our Hearts*** (MV 154)

**SUNG AMEN** (VU 431) (sing 2X)

One: Sing amen!

All: Amen, we praise your name, O God.

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All: Amen, amen ... amen, amen,  
amen, we praise your name, O God.

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### POSTLUDE

## KNOX UNITED CHURCH

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of the EASTER SEASON

SINGING THE SPIRIT (MV 122)

*This Is The Day*

*This is the day that God has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad.*

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we will rejoice and be glad.*



*Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu  
we will rejoice and be glad.*

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we will rejoice and be glad.*

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### CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER

**HYMN - *God Is My Shepherd*** (VU 748)

**LIGHTING THE TRINITY CANDLES**



### GREETING GOD'S FAMILY

*(Children and Youth may join Sunday School  
in the lower church hall)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HOLY CONVERSATION



One: "The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to shared meals, and to prayers."

All: And yet when I disagree with others' teachings I put them down; I think they are wrong; I do not want to join them in a meal, or pray with them. *(Pause.)*

One: "A sense of awe came over everyone."

All: And yet I am too often skeptical, reluctant to see God's presence in everyday life. *(Pause.)*

One: "The believers were united and shared things. They would sell property and possessions and distribute them to those who were in need."

All: But how can I tell who is really in need? So many people want to rip me off and take advantage of any generosity I may show. They might say they are in need, but I'm not so sure. *(Pause.)*

One: "They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone."

All: But sometimes I'm tired and I don't want to live in a way that models God's goodness. I only want to focus on *me*. *(Pause.)*

When I am more concerned with myself than the good of all, may God's grace open my heart and my spirit to new ways, so blessings multiply, and lives are unburdened. May I come to see my own path clearly as a follower of Jesus, and a child of a gracious God. Amen.

HYMN - *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky* (MV 143)

## WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

Early Church

Acts 2:42-47

The ways of early Christians



Gospel

John 10:11-10

The shepherd knows his sheep by name

ANTHEM *God Is My Shepherd*

A. Dvorak Op. 99, No. 4, Arr. John B. Younger

*God is my shepherd, I want for nothing.*

*My rest is in the pleasant meadows,*

*He leadeth me where quiet waters flow.*

*My fainting soul doth He restore,*