



**APRIL 3, 2016**

**Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.**

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PRELUDE

Carol Buller, Accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Nancy Grittmann, Worship Leader

L: Guardian of the seasons, keeper of every time,  
tune us to your rhythms that we may know  
the occasion for stillness and the moment for action.

C: **As we worship this day,  
may we be found prepared, aware, and awake  
to your promptings and purposes.**

*All: Amen.*

\*HYMN #521

*Come, thou fount of every blessing*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Harder

PSALM 23 REFLECTION

Laura Schmidt

HYMN #519

*Shepherd me, O God*

Jeff Janzen, Solo

SERMON

*Ewe, me, and vulnerability*

ANTHEM

*The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm*

McFerrin

(Please reserve expressions of appreciation for Community Building time)

## COMMUNION SERVICE

Words of Institution, Invitation, and Prayer

L: O Holy One, you are our host as well as our shepherd.  
You invite us to the banquet, the banquet of life.

**C: All parts of the world are invited—  
enemies and friends, the alienated and powerful,  
those close at hand and those far off.**

L: You offer the abundance and lavishness of bread broken and shared  
and the cup of refreshment that leads to new life.

**C: We praise and thank you for your abundant spirit.  
Goodness and love unfailing,  
these will follow us all the days of our lives,  
and we shall dwell in the home of our God for all eternity.\*\***

Sharing Bread and Cup

*Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.*

\*Hymn of Response STS #119

*We believe, as one by one*

## COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

### MENTOR BLESSING

**Response: We are thankful for these young people, their parents, and their mentors. It is our prayer that our church can continue to be a place for our youth to grow. We as a church promise to support and pray for these mentoring relationships. May God bless each of you as you continue to grow together.**

### SHARING JOY

*We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

### SHARING CONCERNS

## PRAYING TOGETHER

*Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.*

## OFFERING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN #366

*God of grace and God of glory*



*Children in K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship. 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade women are also dismissed for women's chorale.*

## \*SENDING FORTH PRAYER

L: Loving God, your goodness to us never fails.

Thank you that through your great love we are all invited to the table.

**All: *By your grace assist us in our pilgrimage that we may go forth strong and faithful in our witness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.***

## \*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able. \*\*Written by Sonya Dyer.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "STS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

Anthem text: *The 23rd Psalm (dedicated to my mother)*, composed by Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need.  
She makes me lie down in green meadows,  
Beside the still waters She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs.  
She leads me in a path of good things,  
And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land,  
There is nothing that can shake me.  
She has said She won't forsake me,  
I'm in Her hand.

She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes,  
She anoints my head with oil and my cup overflows.  
Surely, surely, goodness and kindness will follow me  
All the days of my life,  
And I will live in Her house forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother and Daughter  
And to the Holy of Holies.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.

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