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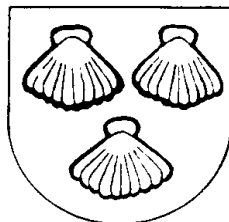
**“I Am the Gate,
I Am Good Shepherd”**

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Gathering

Prelude "Lead Us, Heavenly Father; The King of Love" C. S. Lang *Offered by Clarice Snyder*

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Lighting the Prayer Candle

One: The light shines in the darkness.

All: We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.

One: Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.

All: Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Threshold Song

"The Old Rugged Cross" (vs. 2 & refrain)

UMH 504

2. O that old rugged cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the Dear Lamb of God left his glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary

Refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

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Call to Worship

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Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God's name!

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever; God faithfulness to all generations.

***Opening Prayer**

Nancy Janson

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you have gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"Womb of Life"

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1. Womb of life, and source of being,
home of every restless heart,
in your arms the world's awakened;
you have loved us from the start.

2. Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us
Knowing weakness, knowing earth.

We, your children, gather 'round you,
at the table your prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,
we are nurtured by your care.

Priest who shares our human struggles,
Life, and Death of Death,
Risen Christ, come stand among us,
Send the Spirit by your breath.

3. Brooding Spirit, move among us;
be our partner, be our friend.
When our memory fails, remind us
whose we are, what we intend.
Labor with us, aid the birthing
of the new world yet to be,
free of servant, lord, and master,
free for love and unity.

4. Mother, Brother, Holy Partner,
Father, Spirit, Only Son:
We would praise your name forever,
One in three and Three on one
We would share your life, your passion,
Share your word of world made new,
ever singing ever praising
One with all, and one with you.

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Passing of the Peace

Nancy Janson

Proclaiming

Children's Moment

Tainya Clarke

Scripture

**Psalm 23
John 10: 1-15 (NRSVue)**

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Word in Music

"He's Got the Whole World" (arr. Mary McDonald)

Chancel Choir

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Message

"I Am the Gate, I Am Good Shepherd"

Rev. Patricia Abell

Response

Prayers of Intercession

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Response: O Risen Christ, Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

Lord's Prayer

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Meditation

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

Chancel Choir

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***Doxology**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God All creatures here below
Alleluia alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

UMH 94

Offering Prayer

Going Forth

*Closing Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH 369

1. Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Refrain

2. Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

Refrain

Refrain

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

3. Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with his goodness lost in his love

Refrain

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

"Lord Dismiss Us with thy Blessing" Gordon Young

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Question for Reflection

Psalm 23 affirms that God supplies our every need. How do our lives change when we trust this great promise of God?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, you have called a people to be your family out of every tribe, language, and nation, to love and serve you daily in a world of beauty, complexity, and diversity.

Help us to honor and respect the dignity of difference as we seek to be one with you and each other this day and always. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

O Shepherd of all, you have brought us to the close of another day; for this gift and the blessings we now name, we give you thanks. . . .

All that we have and all that we are come from you; and so, trusting in the goodness of your divine care, let us lie down this night in peace, that tomorrow we may rise to greet you in resurrection joy. Amen.

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