

Bulletin for Sunday, March 29, 2020

Greeting and Welcome

Time of Centering Prayer

Prelude

Response, Gentle Shepherd

**Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day.
There's no other we can turn to who can help us face another day;
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.**

Call to Worship (responsively)

L: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

**P: We know the beauty of God's creation and the wonder of the human family.
We remember those whose love has shaped our lives and those whose
struggle for justice has been unsleeping even in nighttimes of loneliness.**

L: We gather to worship, bound together in love but separated by distance,
to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God's work in the world.

**P: May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be
honest, sacred and filled with hope!**

Hymn, Great is Thy Faithfulness

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Refrain

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.**

Refrain

Prayer (in unison)

**We come before you, O God, in the shadow of the cross, grateful for your great love for us.
As you came to us in Jesus to win our love and obedience, reveal yourself among us still.
Give us courage to follow Jesus over rocky hills where we carry our crosses and green valleys
where you restore our souls. For we pray in the name of the shepherd whose life was laid
down for the sheep, Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen**

Epistle Lesson, Romans 5:8-11

Gospel Lesson, John 19:29-30a

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering

Sermon, "Cross Words: VI – 'It is Finished.'"

Musical Offering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Response, Cares Chorus

**I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.**

Announcements

Hymn, Amazing Grace

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.**

**Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil, a life of joy and peace.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

Benediction

Bind Us Together

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.**

