

ORDER OF SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

GATHERING and PRAISE

(* Please stand if able)

GREETING

God is good

All the time

All the time.

God is good.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Gather 'round all people who seek God's word
and who have a love for God's creation.

We gather on this Sunday celebrating Christian
families

We find joy in the loving relationships
among us.

We give thanks for those who bless us with their
caring and concern.

Now lift up your spirits and tune your heart
to receive all that God has prepared for us
this day.

We give God all the praise!

OPENING PRAYER *(unison)*

Creator God, parent of us all,
we are your precious children who live
within family units of all kinds and sizes.
We gather here with you and within this
Church family, ready to worship you and
to be embraced in your love. Amen.

*HYMN VU #556

"Would You Bless Our Homes and Families"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

SPECIAL MUSIC

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23 (unison) (see back page)

John 10: 22-30

RESPONSE: *Thanks be to God*

SERMON *"Mothers and Sheep"*

*HYMN VU #657

"He Leadeth Me"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING INVITATION

We have a "Giving Station"
at each Entrance and one plate that will
remain at the back entrance throughout the service.

*Please Stand for the Offering Hymn while the
Offering is brought forward

OFFERTORY REFRAIN MV #191

"What Can I Do"

What can I do? What can I bring?

When can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy; I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*

Teach us, God, to offer the very best of
who we are in the service of your will
through the mission of this church:
may we offer hope, joy, and reconciliation
in the world so much in need.

Receive what we give for the sake
of Jesus Christ. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer Amen

*HYMN VU #602

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION

*** SUNG BLESSING MV 92**

“Like a Rock”

Like a rock, like a rock,
God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky
God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon
God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean,
our home is in God evermore.

POSTLUDE

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*A Mother’s love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain.
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come
what may
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away . . .
It is patient and forgiving when all others are
forsaking,
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is
breaking . . .
It believes beyond believing when the world around
condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest,
brightest gems . . .
It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries
of creation . . .
A many splendored miracle man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence of God’s tender
guiding hand.*

HELEN STEINER RICE

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

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**WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE
THIS MORNING**

