MARCH 30, 2025 10:00 AM WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting Introit Welcome

Call to Worship Sean Spence

One: Our God is a shepherding God. **All: Our God knows us by name.**

One: Our God will never stop searching for us. So if you feel lost,

All: then know that God is seeking you.

One: If you feel found,

All: then know that God will never leave.

One: This is the promise of scripture.

All: This is the promise of God's love. Let us worship our with-us God.

*Opening Hymn #365

"Grace That Will Pardon" Vs 1, 3, & 4

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that empowers our hearts to rejoice. Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, Saving, sustaining his love to voice.

Refrain

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away? Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, Brighter than snow you may be today. *Refrain*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe! You that are longing to see his face, Will you this moment his grace receive? *Refrain*

Call to Confession Pastor Lori

Prayer of Confession Leader: If God is a painter, Congregation

People: let us be the brush. Leader: If God is a musician, People: let us be the song. Leader: If God is an architect.

People: let us be the tools. Let us be the hands. Let us be the builders.

One: But if God is a shepherd, who never stops seeking,

People: let us be willing to be found, no matter how lost we feel.

Leader: Our God is never far away.

People: Forgive us for forgetting this good news. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of faith, we are all a little bit lost and a little bit found. We grumble. We push back. We doubt God. We doubt ourselves. We leave the flock and lose our way. But fortunately for us, our God is a shepherding God who is always by our side. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

People: No matter how far we wander, we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace. We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

"Have a Little Talk with Jesus"

I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in, and then a little light from heaven filled my soul;

It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above, and just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.

Refrain: Have a little talk with Jesus, tell him all about our troubles, hear our faintest cry, answer by and by;

Feel a little prayer wheel turning, know a little fire is burning, find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears, but Jesus is a friend who watches day and night;

I go to him in prayer, he knows my every care, and just a little talk with Jesus makes it right. *Refrain*

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Diane Nelson

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: Luke 15:1-7

Message: Everything In Between: Lost and Found Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a seeking God, a with-us and before-us God, a chasing-after-us God. We believe that no matter where we wander or what mountains we climb, this God— the God who walked the streets of Jerusalem, shook hands with lepers, patted children on the head, and told stories of love— is always close at hand. So on the good days and the hard

days, on the mountains and in the valleys, we believe that we are always being found. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

Song of Prayer #378

"Amazing Grace" Vs 1 & 4

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.

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

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering/Offertory

*Doxology

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!

With glad hearts, we offer these gifts to you, O God. Transform them with the power of your Holy Spirit, that these gifts may bring forth new life. May our offering transform others' lives into the new creation you promise to all. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #714

"I Know Whom I Have Believed" Vs 1-3

Please refer to the hymnal in the pew back or see the screen in front

*Benediction

As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle.

May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.

May you trust that you are made in the image of God,
and therefore, you contain multitudes.

So may you move through this world with an open heart,
with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone.

God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between.

Believe that good news, and go in peace.

^{*}Prayer of Dedication

*On Eagle's Wings #143

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of God's hand.

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