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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 19th, 2023, 10:00 am

4th Sunday in Lent

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* **Introit:** "Gather Us In" M. Haugen

Lighting of the Christ Candle

God is love, and where God is, there is love.
There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear.
It is love that unites our hearts and minds.
Let us celebrate the wonderful love that God has for all
creation.

Recognition of the Land

Call to Action #9

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

* Call to Worship:

The Lord is our shepherd. When I am feeling lost...
God leads us to the right path.
The Lord is our shepherd. When my soul need comfort...
God helps me to lie down in green pastures.
God leads me to rest by still waters.
The Lord is our shepherd. Even in times of trouble...
God's goodness and mercy surround us.
Here in God's eternal presence, let us worship.

***Hymn:** "Be Thou My Vision" VU #642

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages:

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** "I Love To Tell The Story" VU #343

Minute For Mission

Scripture:

Psalm 23 *God is my shepherd.*
John 9:1-25 *Jesus heals the man born blind.*
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **The Shepherd Psalm** J. Carter

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Message: **Heart Work** *Rev Don Sellsted*

***Hymn:** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" VU #602

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* **Offertory:** "We Give Thee but Thine Own" VU #543 vs.1

Offertory Prayer:

**God of all creation, we know that all that we have, all
that we are, is blessed and blessing. In our desire to
love as you love, we share with joy toward hope and
healing of the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*** Litany of Diminishing Light:**

The events of Lent and our own personal reflections
constantly remind us that no matter where we are or what
has happened, God is here...

(the Fifth purple candle is extinguished)

Even as the Christ-light shines, the world tries to hide the light of
Love.

But we will not let our Love be hidden.

*** Hymn:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" VU #371

*** Commissioning**

*** Benediction:**

The God of forgiveness bless you,
the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**

*** Hymn of Benediction:** Amen VU #967
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Postlude