



March 22, 2020

9:55 am

Welcome to worship! While we can't be together physically, we are glad to join our two congregations together for worship online. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

GREETING

CENTERING SONG

'Stand By Me'

Tom Kendzia

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, sometimes, the days are long, the nights are even longer, and we're so tired. And then You soothe us and bring us to gentle places.

Many: You are our shepherd, and we don't need a thing.

One: Sometimes, life is moving too fast, and we can't find a moment to breathe. And then You surround us with stillness and bring an even rhythm to our breath.

Many: You are our shepherd, and we don't need a thing.

One: Sometimes, we're parched, and it seems nothing will quench our thirst, We're famished and we can't find anything to eat. And then You refresh and fill us.

Many: You are our shepherd, and we don't need a thing.

One: Sometimes, the valley is dark and the shadows are heavy and we're afraid. But then we feel Your strength, and we have courage.

Many: You are our shepherd, and we don't need a thing.

One: There are the times when it seems we're up against the world. You show those who push the hardest that You have called us to serve.

Many: You are our shepherd, and we don't need a thing.

One: You touch us, and we are blessed. We will praise You and dwell with you forever, O God. We will worship You this day and always!

GATHERING PRAYER

COMMUNITY SONG

'Love, Love, Love, Love'

*Love, love, love, love
People this is your call,
Love your neighbor as yourself
For God loves all*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

O God, as we walk through this dark time we confess that we are fearful and anxious. We fear we will run out of food and basic necessities. We fear we will not have enough money. We fear that our anxiety will get the best of us. We fear we and others we love will get sick. Forgive us when we become so consumed that we only focus on the dire situation and fail to see goodness around us. Today we pray that you will lead us to a still place where we can feel and know your presence. We pray that your promise is true, that you constantly pursue us with goodness and love, and that we are never alone. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SONG

'WOYAYA'

Loughty Amoa, Solomon Amarfio, Robert M. Bailey, Roy Bedeau, Francis T. Osei, Whendell K. Richardson, and Mac Tontoh.

We are going, heaven knows where we are going,
but we know within.
And we'll get there, heaven knows how we will get there,
But we know we will.

It will be hard we know,
And the road will be muddy and rough,

But we'll get there, Heaven knows how we will get there
But we know we will. Woyaya, woyaya.

TIME FOR OFFERINGS

Your offerings help our churches continue their ministries. If you're able, please consider giving. Pledges and offerings can be mailed in, or online giving options are available through both churches' websites.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths[□]
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

SERMON

Rev. Mary Perry

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (Creator), 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN

'Amazing Grace'

(see next page)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Amazing Grace!

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1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.