



WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CHIMING THE HOUR/TIME OF CENTERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Collins

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
God leads me on round-about paths for God's own namesake.  
God bathes my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

\*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Holy God, so often we look, but do not see. Bring us again and again into your path, until your ways become visible to us, and bear fruit in us. Move among us so that we are utterly changed, that we **may say, "One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief.** Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN

*Come, All You People* | No. 388

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;  
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;  
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;  
come now and worship the Lord.*

*Come, All You People*  
TEXT and MUSIC: Alexander Gondo  
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are people who still love shadows rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but stand back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into the light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. Amen. *(A time for silent confession)*

POURING OF THE WATER

*Because of the grace we receive in baptism, we have nothing to fear.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will pursue us all the days of our life and into eternity. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Praise to God the Father* | No. 605

*Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;  
praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three-in-One.  
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.  
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.*

*Praise to God the Father*  
TEXT: Anon.  
MUSIC: Ghanaian melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011  
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## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Just As I Am, I Come* | Brittney Williams (solo)  
Words by Charlotte Elliott; Music by Mary McDonald

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23

#### \*HYMN

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* | No. 803

*My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.  
MUSIC: U.S.A. folk melody  
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*When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;  
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.*

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 9:1-41

### SERMON

*"The Sight"* | Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

### JOYS & CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Glory to God* | pg. 35

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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

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

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING, & OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (OLD HUNDREDTH) | No. 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In gratitude, O God, we come to your table, into your presence, into your house. For all you have done for us, we offer our thanks and praise. Take these gifts and our whole lives and use them to build up your kingdom until faithful love fills every heart and informs every action. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* | No 649

*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 has 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.*

*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.*

\*CHARGE & BENEDECTION

Remember you are a child of God:  
And God loves God's children.

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*  
TEXT: John Newton, 1772  
MUSIC: Columbian Harmony,  
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# MAR 15 - 22

## Events & Celebrations

SUN   15	MON   16	TUE   17
Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM B&G, 11:30AM NA of EP, 3:00PM	Yoga, 2:00PM	GraceB4Work, 7:00AM Book Club, 6:00PM
WED   18	SAT   21	SUN   22
Soup & Study, 6:30PM	Quilters, 8:30AM	Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM NA of EP, 3:00PM

## Prayers & Concerns

Mary & Mark Dunn	Zoomer Roberts	Pat Bryant	Bob Hedicke
	Mary Province	Pete McMillan	Mildred Helm

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor—Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith  
Music Director—Brittney Williams  
Additional Accompaniment—Bill Rose

Liturgist—Nancy Collins  
Accompanist/Pianist—Joel Castleton  
Technology—Angel Martinez, Bob Jones  
& Jim Collins