

Welcome to our Worship Service today!

We are so glad you are with us and pray that you will sense the presence of God in a powerful way as we worship together. God bless you richly!

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Let us worship and praise God.

The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.

Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.

Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.

Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

And we will dwell in God's house forever. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN UMH #381

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

“The Shepherd Knows His Sheep”

*HYMN TFWS #2193

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Anger, hatred, anguish blare at us from the newspapers, media. The shouts of hurt and pain harden our hearts, merciful God. We cannot bear the hurts, so we turn away. We hide and want the hurt to disappear. When we hear the words of the Psalmist singing about the green pastures, still waters, our souls long for this place of peace. We think that it can be found outside ourselves, yet this is a reminder of the peace and hope that your love offers us from within. We know that we will have struggles and hard times, but help us, Lord, to place our lives in your care, to trust in your comfort and guidance. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your compassionate love. Heal us again and place us on the right path. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not fear! You can place your trust in God, for God will lead you, comfort you, protect you. You are not alone to face all the difficulties of life. God is with you and will lift you up. Rejoice, for you are loved by God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAISE TEAM SPECIAL MUSIC

“Word of God Speak”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 23

The Word of God for the peoples of God. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 10:22-30

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER UMH #70

*HYMN UMH #374

“Standing on the Promises”

MESSAGE

“Who's Voice Are You Listening To?”

Pastor Debra Schaffran

GIVING BACK TO GOD

DOXOLOGY UMH #95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.

*HYMN UMH # 175

“Jesus the Very Thought of Thee”

BENEDICTION

*PARTING MUSIC TFWS #2129 Vs. 1 & 2

“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”

**TFWS – The Faith We Sing*

**UMH – United Methodist Hymnal*

THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

Sun. May 12 Mother's Day

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Praise Team
10:30 a.m. Worship

Mon, May 13

7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Tues., May 14

10 a.m. – 8 p.m. CORE
5:30 p.m. TOPS

Wed., May 15

5:30 p.m. Youth Group
6:00 p.m. WICS

Sun. May 19

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Children's Choir
10:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Clunky Change
10:30 a.m. LOVE Offering Sunday

ASSISTING TODAY

Acolyte

James Gravning

Flowers

Melanie Halverson

Greeters & Ushers

Bob and Heather Hanson

Reader

Pat Gorham

Servers

Steve & Nancy Sigstad

Sound

Robin Priebe

Note: you must find your own replacement if unable to assist.

Organists/Pianists:

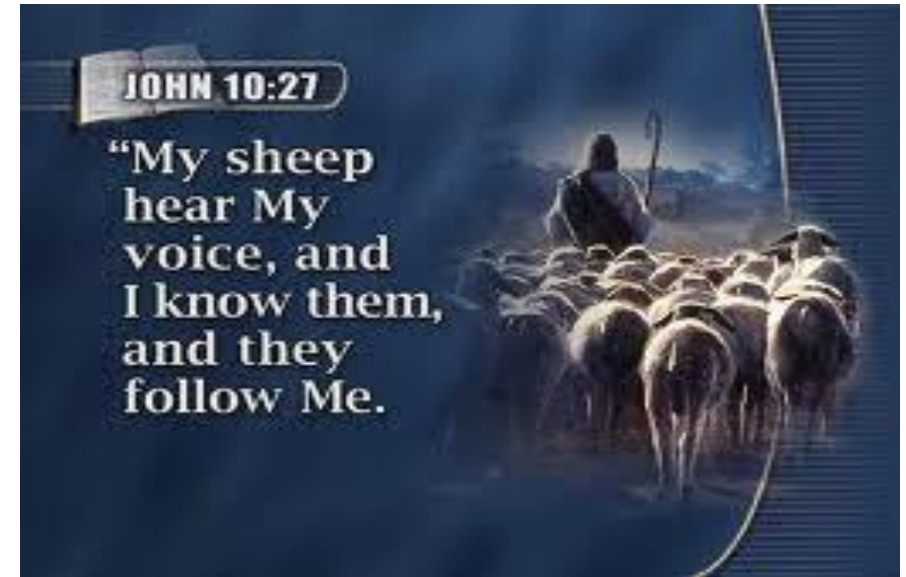
Phyllis Junnila
Maree Nordenstrom
Elaine Keehr
Derrick Kohlgraf

Offering May 5

Pledge \$665.00
Non pledge \$416.38
Loose \$51.00
Camping \$25.00
Missions \$5.00
UMCOR Relief Kits \$115.00
Total \$1,277.38

Attendance 50

**Cross & Flame Deadline-
May 18th**



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

May 12, 2019 10:30 a.m.

“Living for Christ, Sharing His Love”

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