

**Sunday, May 8, 2022  
Easter Four**

**Welcome**

***Gathering: VU 396 Jesus Stand among Us***

**Candle Lighting**

**God, you brighten our lives with the gift of mothers. For the life lessons taught, the love given and the love received, for the memories we hold dear, we honor all mothers this day. Amen.**

**Call to Worship**

**We come together this day in the knowledge of Creator's love for us through Jesus amazing grace. **We come together to give our thanks. We come together to learn more of the nature of God, to gather strength, to be restored. We come together because we are God's own and we are thankful.****

**Opening Prayer**

**Loving shepherd, mother and father of us all, through the gift of gathered community we know your attentive care, abundant beauty and the power of reconciliation. We hear you call each of us by name and are welcomed and enfolded in your love. Guide us, protect us, feed us, renew us, love us. Amen**

***Hymn: VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God***

**Prayers for Grace and Transformation/**

**Words of Affirmation**

**Whether we are lost or confused, wandering or waiting, God's love is steadfast. Faithless or doubting dis-**

**obedient or disowning, God is present to us. Weary or distracted, tired or defeated, we are held in God's sustaining, nurturing love. Thanks be to God. Amen**

**The Peace**

**Exegesis and Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

**Psalm 23 VU page 749**

**John 10: 22-30**

***\*Three-Fold Amen (VU 967)***

**Reflection**

***Hymn: VU 747 The Lord's My Shepherd***

**Invitation to the Offering**

***Doxology VU 541***

**Offertory Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Prayers of the people/Lord's Prayer**

**Extinguish the Candle**

**Blessing/Commissioning**

***Closing Hymn: VU 574 Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love***

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