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

<u>Prayers for Grace and Transformation/</u>
<u>Words of Affirmation</u>

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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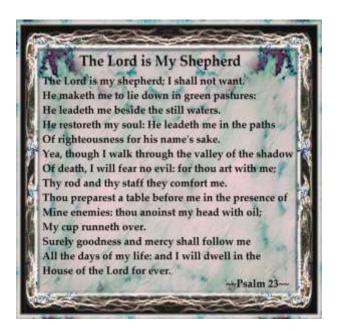


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