The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, 
perceiving the haughty from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe.
You will make good your purpose for me;
Oh LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

—Psalm 138.6-8

GATHERING AT GOD’S INVITATION

MUSIC FOR GATHERING
Marietta Mobley piano

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
Rachel Perry

OPENING SENTENCES
Rev. Alan Sherouse

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Terri Vancil

Let us worship the eternal God, 
the source of love and life, who has created us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, 
the risen one, who lives among us and calls us out.

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

To the one true God be praise in all times and places, 
through the grace of Jesus Christ, our LORD.

†HYMN OF PRAISE 48

Slane

God of Creation, All-Powerful
†WORDS OF FRIENDSHIP
Rev. Courtney Willis

A FAMILY COVENANTING
Christina McCord
Rev. Sherouse Wells Finley and Trent Walker, sons of Alec and Liz Gill

MUSICAL INTERLUDE
During the Musical Interlude, children, ages four through first grade, may attend Junior Church and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

CALL TO PRAYER

TAKE ME AS I AM

soprano
tenor
alto
bass

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PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE
Rev. Chris Cherry

PRAYER SONG
(See above)

TAKE ME AS I AM
OPENING OF GOD’S WORD  

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Lesson  
Kate Messick, C.J. Tillotson  
Graham Bland, Justin Childs

Luke 5.1-11

Prayer Song  
(See above)

Sermon  
Rev. Sherouse

The Call to Become

Responding to God’s Word

†Hymn of Response 635  
He Leadeth Me

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

Musical Interlude

Offertory Prayer  
Mark McCracken, deacon

Choral Offering  
Allen Pote

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Youth Choir  
Cynthia Hartis accompanist

The Lord is my shepherd. Nothing shall I want.  
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.  
The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life,  
leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord’s name.  
And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy, shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and in the house of my God I will live forever.
The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Clara Bennett by her family.

Guests are warmly welcomed today. There are several ways during the worship hour that we can become better acquainted. During the Words of Friendship, we will share a personal greeting with those sitting around us. You will find a Connection Card in the bulletin that can be filled out and dropped in the offering plate as it is passed in the service. Ministers will also be greeting worshipers at each exit door after the service.