

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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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*

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

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PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Rev. Chris Cherry

PRAYER SONG

TAKE ME AS I AM

(See above)

OPENING OF GOD'S WORD

Miller Norman

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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

Luke 5.1-11

PRAYER SONG

(See above)

TAKE ME AS I AM

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.*

# SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Sherouse

†PRAYER SONG

TAKE ME AS I AM

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be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for a prayer song. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.



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.