

**ANTHEM**  
**LAMB OF GOD**  
TWILA PARIS

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**  
**SAVIOR LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US**

#381, v. 1 & 3  
WORDS BY DOROTHY A THRUPP  
MUSIC BY WILLIAM B BRADBURY  
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1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING FORTH**  
**GOD BE WITH YOU TIL WE MEET AGAIN**

#673  
WORDS BY JEREMIAH E RANKIN  
MUSIC BY RALPH VAUGHN WILLIAMS  
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1. God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.  
2. God be with you till we meet again; neath his wings securely hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.  
3. God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put his arms unfailing round you; God be with you till we meet again.  
4. God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you, smite death's threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet again.

**POSTLUDE**  
**ANDANTE ON HAVEN**  
UNKNOWN



*Communion is available and the elements have been blessed for anyone who would like to partake after church service is completed.*



**“Who is the Blind One Really?”**  
John 9:1-41

March 26, 2023  
Sunday Worship Service  
Sanctuary & Online  
10:00 AM

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**  
*BLESS THE NAME OF JESUS*  
CARMAN LICCIARDELLO

**WELCOME HOME!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**  
*HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE*  
STUART TOWNSEND

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O God, source of light, salvation, and strength, We seek to know you and to serve you, day by day.

**Congregation: Keep us safe from all that would hinder as we try to walk in your way.**

When difficulties come, give us courage to wait for you.

**Help us see your goodness, displayed every day. Thank you for love beyond comprehension.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
*LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS*

#269  
WORDS BY CLAUDIA F. HERNAMAN  
MUSIC FROM *USA FOLD MELODY* ARR BY ANNABEL MORRIS BUCHANAN  
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1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
2. As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win, O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.
3. As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
4. And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide, yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.
5. Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**Congregation: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

# SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

**CALL TO PRAYER**  
*AMAZING GRACE*

#378, v. 1, 2 & 6  
WORDS BY JOHN NEWTON  
MUSIC BY EDWIN O. EXCELL  
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1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S  
TITHES & GIFTS**

**\*DOXOLOGY**  
*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW*

#94  
WORDS BY THOMAS KEN  
MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*  
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS  
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**HYMN OF FAITH**  
*OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE*

#454  
WORDS & MUSIC BY CLARA H. SCOTT  
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1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Refrain: Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. [Refrain]
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. [Refrain]

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
JOHN 9:1-41

**SERMON**  
"WHO IS THE BLIND ONE REALLY?"  
REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL