



Renewed in Mercy
Journeying in Grace
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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

OPENING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Open the Eyes of My Heart

See screens.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Kerry Foote

WELCOMING OF GUESTS

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Liturgist: Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.

Congregation: We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.

Liturgist: The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

Congregation: We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right Liturgist and true.

Liturgist: The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God.

Congregation: We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.

Liturgist: Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.

Congregation: Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together! Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Be Thou My Vision (v. 1-3)

UMH #451

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

Liturgist

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

Liturgist and 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.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 23 NKJV

A Psalm of David

Liturgist

23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

³He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; For You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for being the Light of the World. Thank you for helping people see. Open our eyes to notice your love. Open our hearts to trust you. Help us see others the way you see them. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 5:8-14 NKJV Liturgist

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. ¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. ¹³ But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. ¹⁴ Therefore He says:

“Awake, you who sleep,
Arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light.”

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Congregation: Thanks be to God.

MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

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If you have a prayer that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out the card located on the information table and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect during song and pray over cards at the chancel rail.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

I Am Thine, O Lord (v. 1-4)

UMH #419

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON

Pastor

Title: Renewed in Mercy

Theme: Journeying in Grace

Main Idea: This year, the lectionary once again gives us a very familiar text. Whether read at a baptism, wedding, or funeral, Psalm 23 has accompanied many of us through important moments in our lives.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Radiant Shepherd, you walk with us through valleys and over mountaintops, guiding us with grace and guarding us with love. In your presence, we lack nothing that truly matters. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in you. Let our giving be more than ritual—let it reflect your goodness, justice, and truth shining through us. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

PASSING THE PLATE

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

UMH #95

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (v. 1-3)

UMH #474

*COMMISSION / BENEDICTION

Pastor

Beloved, may the blessing of God's mercy go before you, behind you, and all around you as we journey in grace, reflecting the Light of new life wherever we go. Amen...and all of God's children said...Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (v. 1-4)

UMH #557

**Please stand as you are able*

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of Rick's parents, Dick & Dorothy
Davies,
by Rick & Paula Davies*