

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Welcome

from Ephesians 5:8-14

L Once we were darkness, but now we are light in the Lord

C So walk as children of light.

L Try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. As it says:

C Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #387)

"Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

Worship from the Psalms

(Psalm 23 ESV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

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 your staff,

they 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 I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

forever.

Prayer of Confession

Father God, you promise to care for us through thick and thin. You promise to watch over us as the enemies of sin and shame assault us. We confess that we wander from your care, preferring our own solutions, our own plans, our own priorities to resting in your presence. We confess our choices leads us farther from your grace. Please forgive our sins and draw us back to your goodness and mercy, so we may dwell in your presence forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Please take a moment and offer your silent personal prayers to God...

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon

from Psalm 103

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music

"Psalm 23"

Sermon Text Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (ESV), pp. 282

Ephesians 5:8-14 (ESV), p. 1162

Message

Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #327)

"O Word of God Incarnate"

*Offering Prayer

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Please respond,

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN**

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn (Red #269)

"Jesus Calls Us"

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

VANCREST: Dollie Smith

BRENTWOOD: Connie Cobb

ALPINE VILLAGE: Sandy Johnson

PRAYER LIST: Gene & Carol Detmer, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder's sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall's father and mother), Jacob Clegg (Brenda Stough's friend), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)