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-PRELUDE-

"In the Garden" - arr. P. Hamm

Brenda Gardiner

-WELCOME-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Show Us How to Love"

HEARTS OPEN, MINDS AWAKE,
CHANGE US NOW FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE.
LEAVE US NOT ALONE IN HATRED'S WAKE.

SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.
SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.
SHOW US HOW, SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.

-DEVOTIONAL-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Show Us How to Love"

EYES OPENED, SHOCKED AWAKE,
MUCH TO LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES,
DRAW US CLOSER IN OUR HEARTACHE.

SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.
SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.
SHOW US HOW, SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.

-PRAYER-

-CALL TO WORSHIP-

We have often looked for love,
for acceptance, and security,
in halls of the perceived power of public opinion
or unexamined presumptions about others not like us
rather than the real power of love and care for one another.
WE YEARN FOR LIVES THAT MATTER,

WE DESIRE RELATIONSHIPS THAT THRIVE,
WE WANT LESS REGRET.

So, God. We pray these words together.
WE OPEN OUR HEARTS, OUR MINDS,
OUR SOULS, OUR VISION
TO THE WAYS OF LOVE CREATED BY YOU,
EMBODIED IN JESUS,
AND ALREADY MOVING IN US BY THE SPIRIT.
WE ARE FORGIVEN, LOVED, AND FREED!
AMEN!

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US,
MUCH WE NEED YOUR TENDER CARE;
IN YOUR PLEASANT PASTURES FEED US,
FOR OUR USE YOUR FOLDS PREPARE:
BLESSED JESUS, BLESSED JESUS,
YOU HAVE BROUGHT US WHERE WE ARE;
BLESSED JESUS, BLESSED JESUS,
YOU HAVE BOUGHT US WHERE WE ARE.

WE ARE YOURS, YOU DO BEFRIEND US,
BE THE GUARDIAN OF OUR WAY;
IN YOUR FLOCK, FROM DANGER KEEP US,
SEEK US WHEN WE GO ASTRAY:
BLESSED JESUS, BLESSED JESUS,
HEAR, O HEAR US WHEN WE PRAY;
BLESSED JESUS, BLESSED JESUS,
HEAR, O HEAR US WHEN WE PRAY.

-SCRIPTURE-

Psalm 23 (NRSV)

*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 right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I 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 my whole life long.*

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

YOU HAVE PROMISED TO RECIEVE US,
POOR AND SINFUL THOUGH WE BE;
YOU HAVE MERCY TO RELIEVE US,
GRACE AND POWER TO SET US FREE:
BLESSED JESUS, BLESSED JESUS,
YOU HAVE LOVED US, LOVE US STILL;
BLESSED JESUS, BLESSED JESUS,
YOU HAVE LOVED US, LOVE US STILL.

-SCRIPTURE-

John 9: 1-41 (NRSV)

As he walked along, [Jesus] saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of [the One] who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"

He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."

Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided.

So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was

born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."

He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"

Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."

The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him."

Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."

He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind."

Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?"

Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

-SPECIAL MUSIC-

"Gentle Shepherd"

Kenny Bishop

-THE MESSAGE-

"The Intentional, Radical, Revolutionary, Law-Breaking Shepherd"

Kenny Bishop

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"As We Gather At Your Table"

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE,
AS WE LISTEN TO YOUR WORD,
HELP US KNOW, O GOD, YOUR PRESENCE;
LET OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE STIRRED.
NOURISH US WITH SACRED STORY
TILL WE CLAIM IT AS YOUR OWN;
TEACH US THROUGH THIS HOLY BANQUET
HOW TO MAKE LOVE'S VICTORY KNOWN.

-COMMUNION-

"As We Gather At Your Table"

Brenda Gardiner

-OFFERING-

"Londonderry Air" – Traditional

Brenda Gardiner

-THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE-

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME,
I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME,
ALL ALONG MY PILGRIM JOURNEY,
I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME.

IN MY TRIALS, LORD, WALK WITH ME,
IN MY TRIALS, LORD, WALK WITH ME,
WHEN THE SHADES OF LIFE ARE FALLING,
I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME.

IN MY TROUBLES, LORD, STAY WITH ME;
IN MY TROUBLES, LORD, STAY WITH ME;
WHEN MY HEAD IS BOWED IN SORROW,
I WANT JESUS TO STAY WITH ME.

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME,
I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME,

ALL ALONG MY PILGRIM JOURNEY,
I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME.

-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

-SINGING TOGETHER-

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