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☞ Indicates those who are able may stand

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude Patricia Hart

Greeting and Announcements

Lenten Presentation of Symbols Liturgist
ALL: Merciful God, bless us who have fallen short and fallen away.
Bless us who doubt your love and at times give in to hopelessness. Drive away the darkness of greed and self pity and bring us to the way everlasting. In Jesus’ name - Amen.

Call to Worship based on Psalm 23 Liturgist
One: The Lord leads us like a shepherd.
ALL: God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.
One: The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.
ALL: God’s goodness and mercy are always close.

☞ Opening Song “God Is Here #409 in purple hymnal

☞ Prayer of Confession Liturgist
One: Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ’s invitation. Let us seek God’s forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.
ALL: God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

☞ Words of Assurance Liturgist
One: Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!
ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

☞ Gloria Patri “Glory Be to the Father”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Liturgist
ALL: Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Special Music Choir

First Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Liturgist
One: This is the word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading John 9:1-41
One: This is the word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reflection “Star-Laden DNA” Pastor Brenda

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

☞ Responsive Hymn #314 purple
“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

Time of Self Offering “Moment for Mission” Jan Griffin

☞ Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

☞ Prayer of Dedication
ALL: O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

Prayers of the People, *and* The Lord's Prayer back of red hymnal
ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. 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 THE CHURCH INTO THE WORLD WITH THE WORD

☪☪☪ Song Of Sending “To God Be the Glory” #634 purple
Acolyte collects the Light of Christ.

Blessing

Response

“He Touched Me” (*refrain*)
He touched me, O, He touched me,
And O, the joy that floods my soul;
Something happened, and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole.

TEXT and MUSIC: William J. Gaither
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Postlude **Patricia Hart**



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