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Prelude

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Easter/
Communion*

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WELCOME,
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
and
CELEBRATIONS

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CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Let us worship and praise
God.

People: **The Lord is our shepherd, our
guardian and our guide.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Celebrate the many ways in which
God cares for our lives.

People: **Green pastures and silent still
waters beckon us and comfort
us.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

People: **Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

People: **And we will dwell in God's house forever. AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER

**With joy we come this day
to the house of the Lord.**

**God provides for us
abundantly even when we
doubt and fear, even
when we turn away.**



OPENING PRAYER

God is faithful. Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us that we may become faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. AMEN.



“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” UMH 381

WORDS: Attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836

MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1859

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” UMH 381

WORDS: Attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836

MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1859

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!

Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!

Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

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A photograph of three children running through a vast field of colorful flowers, likely daisies, under bright, warm sunlight. The children are seen from behind, their hair blowing in the wind. The field is filled with a variety of colors including yellow, orange, pink, and white. The background is softly blurred, emphasizing the children and the foreground flowers.

Young Disciples' Message



Recognition of Significant Women

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me,
use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall
afresh on me.**





Revelation 7: 9 – 17

NRSVUE

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

11 And all the angels stood around the throne
and around the elders and the four living
creatures, and they fell on their faces before
the throne and worshiped God,

12 singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"

14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,

17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

PSALM READING

Psalm 23 UMH 754

Leader: ¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: ²The Lord maketh me lie down in green pastures,

PSALM READING

Psalm 23 UMH 754

Leader: Leads me beside still waters,
³restores my life,

People: Leads me in right paths for the
sake of the Lord's name.

PSALM READING

Psalm 23 UMH 754

Leader: ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

People: **For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

PSALM READING

Psalm 23 UMH 754

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

People: You anoint my head with oil, my
cup overflows.

PSALM READING

Psalm 23 UMH 754

Leader: ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

People: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.



John 10: 22 -30

NRSVUE

22 At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,

23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me,

26 but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep.

27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

29 My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand.

30 The Father and I are one."

Glory Be to the Father

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WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

Sermon

**“My Sheep Hear
My Voice”**



“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” UMH 128

WORDS: Joseph H. Gillmore, 1862

MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1864

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

He leadeth me: O Blessed thought!

O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

What-e'er I do, wher-e're I be,

still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” UMH 128

WORDS: Joseph H. Gillmore, 1862

MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1864

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” UMH 128

WORDS: Joseph H. Gillmore, 1862

MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1864

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” UMH 128

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“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” UMH 128

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Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” UMH 128

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And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” UMH 128

WORDS: Joseph H. Gillmore, 1862

MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1864

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He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

UMH 881

I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

UMH 881

And in Jesus Christ

his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

The Apostle's Creed

UMH 881

Traditional Version

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the

Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick

and the dead.

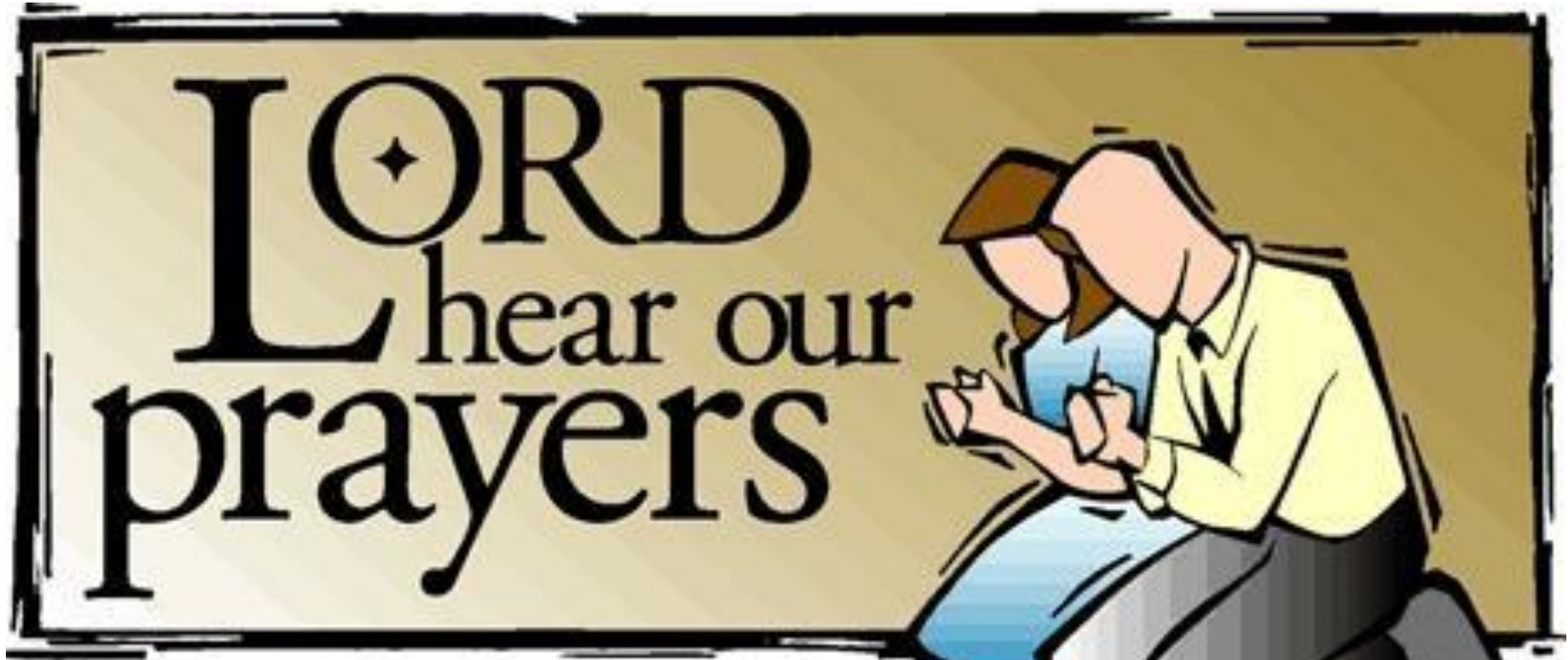
The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

UMH 881

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE



**as we lift up to you our
joys and our concerns.**

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895



Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be
done

on earth as it is in heaven.

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895



Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass
against us.

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895



And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory,

forever.

Amen



Pastoral Prayer



Tithes and Offerings

Worship through giving

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapted by Gilbert H. Viera, 1978

MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harmonized by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

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!



Offertory Prayer

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King,
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad,
may speak their joys abroad.

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

The hill of Zion yields

a thousand sacred sweets

before we reach the heavenly fields, before we

reach the heavenly fields,

or walk the golden streets,

or walk the golden streets.

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be
dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's
ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's
ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds
on high.

“Marching to Zion” UMH 733

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1867

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

Benediction



BLESSING AND BENEDICTION



Love. Grow. Serve.

This service has ended, and now
your service in the world begins!

Rectortown United Methodist Church

serving God with
Prayer, **A**ction, and **L**ove
through **S**ervice.