**Union Congregational Church**

March 19th, 2023 10:00 A.M.

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

***Musical Prelude***

**As our acolyte brings the light of God into worship,**

**We are invited into this time of centering silence.**

**\*Processional Hymn *(Insert)***

***“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”***

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: As God is our shepherd we need nothing else.

**Everyone: We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters, which renews and refreshes our spirits.**

Leader: God guides us along paths of righteousness

**Everyone: And walks with us through shadowed valleys so we are not afraid.  The shepherd’s staff comforts us.**

Leader: God set the banquet table for us in the presence of our enemies. There we’re anointed with oil and our cup overflows.

**Everyone: Goodness and mercy shall never depart from us as long as we dwell in the house of God.**

**Unison Invocation:**

**Loving Shepherd,**

**you know our names;**

**you care for us.**

**When we face darkness and death,**

**walk beside us.**

**When we hunger for your love,**

**fill us with your presence.**

**When we are fearful,**

**feed us at your table.**

**May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy**

**all the days of our lives. Amen.**

**The Gloria Patria**

**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.**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayers and Silent Prayers

 The Lighting of Candle of Remembrance

**The 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Congregational Response:**

**Hear our prayers O Lord.**

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**Incline thine ear to us and grant us Thy Peace. Amen.**

**Today’s Scripture Readings**

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-17

**Sermon**

**Pastor Scott Chase**

**Gifts of the People**

**Invitation Doxology**

**Congregational Response:**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.**

**Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Hymn of Sending: *(NCH - 451)***

***“Be Now My Vision”***

**Benediction**

**Three-fold Amen.**

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**Closing:**

**“Go Now in Peace”**

**Go Now In Peace...Never Be Afraid.
God Will Go With You Each Hour Of Every day.
Go Now In Faith, Steadfast, Strong And True.
Know He Will Guide You In All You Do.
Go Now In Love, And Show You Believe.
Reach Out To Others So All The World Can See.
God Will Be There, Watching From Above.
Go Now In Peace, In Faith, And In Love.**

**Leader: Pastor Scott Chase**

**Ministers: All the Congregation’s Members**