

ORDER OF WORSHIP - May 3, 2020

Gathering Thoughts:

*"The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice.
He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - John 10:3*

Prelude

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Call to Worship:

Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come!

People: Some with laughter and songs of joy. Some from a sense of obligation or habit.

Leader: Some with hearts heavy with grief. Some with distraction or exhaustion.

People: Some with eagerness or enthusiasm. Some with stress, loneliness or depression.

Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come!

**People: As God's dearly loved children, we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope
Into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and hope.**

Unison Prayer:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Consoling and Guiding God, we bring our very lives to your altar this morning. Many of us come feeling like we are in the midst of a storm, with disagreement and discord buffeting us from all directions. Help us to hear your voice in the midst of this, your call to serve, and your encouragement to endure for the work of the kingdom. Lead us to the light and hope of this Easter season, so we can joyfully and faithfully serve you in the world! In the name of Jesus, our rock and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" UM Hymnal # 138

Scripture: John 10:1-10

Sermon: **"Following is a Choice"** Pastor Kent Jackson

Special Music: "Good Shepherd of My Soul" by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" UM Hymnal # 381

Benediction

Postlude

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