

Order of Celebration

September 15, 2019 ✦ 10:30 AM

GATHERING

Gathering Words

I lay my burdens down, Lord.

Take my regrets.

Grant me peace.

*Song of Peace Blessed Be the Tie that Binds UMH 557

*Call to Worship

Leader: Here the good news: people who are lost are being found.

All: **Glory, glory; hallelujah!**

Leader: Hear the good news: God goes out into the wilderness of our lives, seeking us when we are lost.

All: **Glory, glory; hallelujah!**

Leader: To Christ Jesus, full of faith and love; to the Ruler of the Ages, immortal, invisible; to the Spirit of peace and mercy,

All: **All honor and glory are yours forever and ever. Amen!**

*Opening Song Amazing Grace UMH 378

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

Call to Prayer Jesu, Jesu UMH 432

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction, and signs of hopelessness and despair. Too often we rely on our own strength, our own plans, our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through.

Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home. Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world, that we might experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love. Help us put our trust in you, that the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus may shine in our lives for all to see. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Jesus said, "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." My friends, experience God's forgiveness and joy - gifts that lead to new life!

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORD

Epistle Lesson 1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17 pg 1444

Gospel Lesson Luke 15: 1 - 10 pg 1271

Song of Praise Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise UMH 103

Message Lost And Found Marti B. Tamaroglio

OUR RESPONSE

Offering Invitation I John 3: 17 - 18

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Dear children, let us love, not in word or speech, but also in truth and action.

Offertory Music

*Doxology UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Dedication Prayer (in unison)

Generous God, you have given us life, a place to live, and people to live with. Open our eyes to each other. We consecrate ourselves and our gifts to you and to the service of others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH

* Song Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH 400

Benediction

Leader: Go forth like a shepherd: Seek the lost. Seek the fallen. Welcome the sinner. Bring them home. Always remember that our eternal dwelling is the very presence of God. Rejoice, for our God has found us and carries us home.

All: **To Christ Jesus, our Lord, who loves us and will not let us go:
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!**

Postlude

Please join us for Coffee & Conversation in the Fellowship Hall

*Please stand as you feel comfortable



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Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

Pastor - Pastor Bob Sielaff

Guest Speaker - Marti Boynton Tamaroglio

Music Director - Larisa Soboleva

Worship Leader - Michelle Fields



Pastor Bob had a planned surgery earlier this week and will return to the pulpit in October. His surgery went well, but please keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

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