



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We rejoice in the One
who leads us beside still waters,

and gives us refreshment of soul.

Christ our Shepherd shows us
the way we should go,

so that the name of God will be glorified.

Though all manner of evil befall us,
we will not be afraid,

**for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with
us.**

We are never away from the love and mercy
of the Lord,

**and we shall be with him
for ever and ever. Amen!**

HYMN #409 *God Is Here!*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

**O God who is greater
than the most powerful forces in this world,
enable us to be still and know that you are
God.**

**O Lord who answers
out of the whirlwind of everyday life,
breathe in us your Holy Spirit to strengthen,
comfort, and guide us in the midst of the
storm.**

**O still, small voice, speak to us this hour
that we might become makers of your peace
in our homes, in our communities, in our
world.**

**We pray all this in the name of the One
who calmed the raging sea.**

**RESPONSE #184 *Calm to the Waves* (sung through
twice)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**Loving God, we confess that too often our
thoughts and decisions are shaped by our
fears and not our faith. Our thoughts at times
are so dominated by the past or the future
that we have failed to live fully in the present
and acknowledge your involvement in our
daily lives and your gracious activity in the
world. Help us to pray and in so doing settle
into the calm and the peace that you desire
to give.**

(time for silent reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Isaiah 26:3-4

*“Those of steadfast mind you will keep in
peace—
in peace because they trust in you.
Trust in the Lord forever,
for in the Lord your God
you have an everlasting rock.”*

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #623 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 23
Philippians 4:4-9

MESSAGE Prayer, Perspective, and Peace

HYMN #803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your 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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory
now and forever. Amen.*

HYMN #80 *You Shall Go out with Joy (sung
through twice)*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John
20:21



A Prayer for Election Day

Loving God, as people go to the polls this day, and as ballots are counted and reported, we pray first and foremost for peace. May the sense of community and connection be greater than any division or difference, no matter how entrenched. Knowing we will vote in schools, churches, synagogues, and other communal gathering places across our country, may our commitment to care for one another grow as we stand in lines, talk to our neighbors and recognize we have more in common than we often realize. May we show one another kindness and respect, today and in the days to come.

We thank you for the freedom to vote our conscience, of which you alone are Lord. After this election, we are keenly aware that even if the political rhetoric fades the acrimony it highlighted will remain. Grant us the courage to step into the breaches and not slip back into our comfortable enclaves of homogeneity. Send your Spirit to lead us to the places where you are already working to bring reconciliation. Remind us relentlessly that you are greater than every category we devise, more powerful than any estrangement we have created, eternal, ever present and always calling forth justice, peace and abundant life. Show us today and everyday how to live in the love of God, the perfect love that casts out fear. Amen.