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# 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



March 26, 2017



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Welcome to Worship!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Music by the Lord's Crew

### Gathering

\*OPENING PRAISE *Build Your Kingdom Here*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

\*PRAISE *Shout to the Lord  
Love Come Down  
Thank You Lord*

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Here I Am to Worship*

SCRIPTURE John 9:1-7, 39-41

SERMON *"IN THE CROSSFIRE: The Blind Man"*  
Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING SONG *Wings of a Dove*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Communion Song *Oceans*

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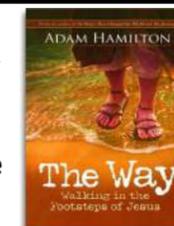
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CENTERING WORDS

With eyes shut tight and minds open wide,  
What might we see?  
What might God have in store for us?

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Wesley

INTROIT

Guide My Feet

TFWS #2208

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our Shepherd leads us beside still waters.

**Our Guide speaks words of healing to us  
on challenging journeys.**

The Shepherd leads us ever onward.

**We are here to move forward in faith  
with Christ as our Shepherd.**

\*OPENING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

No. 381

\*OPENING PRAYER

Shepherd God, lead us where we are most needed.

Guide us into your glorious future,  
that we might see with open minds and loving hearts.

Offer your healing touch to us,  
that we might offer that same healing to your world.

In loving hope, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Patti Melsheimer

Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time. Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.

ANTHEM

Open My Eyes, Spirit Divine

James Koerts

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer Shepherd Me, O God

TFWS #2058

Congregational Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Choral Response Shepherd Me, O God

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**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

SCRIPTURE John 9:1-7, 39-41  
 HYMN (remain seated) *Open My Eyes, That I May See* No. 454  
 SERMON "IN THE CROSSFIRE: The Blind Man"  
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OFFERING  
 Invitation to the Offering  
 Offertory *People Need the Lord* Nelson/McHugh  
 \*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

**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.**

\*HYMN *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* No. 648

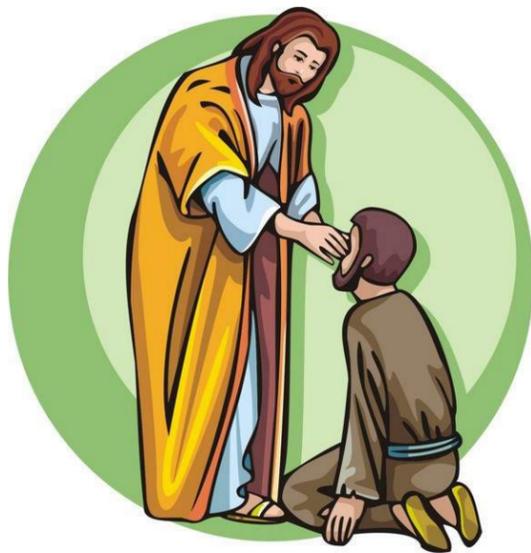
\*BENEDICTION  
 Christ, who is our Shepherd, leads us into the world.  
 Let's go and make the world a better place  
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\*RESPONSE *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* No. 672

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
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POSTLUDE *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Anonymous, arr. Mark Hayes

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