

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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Leader: Jesus says, "Follow me."

**People: Here we are, Lord.**

Leader: Jesus says, "Take care of my sheep."

**People: We hear you, Lord.**

Leader: Jesus says, "Feed my lambs."

**People: You know we love you, Lord.**

Leader: Jesus says, "Tend my sheep."

**People: We will strive to do as you ask, Lord.**

**All:               We come to worship to offer our prayer and praise  
                          to the One who calls us, welcomes us, and  
                          strengthens us to care for others.**

OPENING PRAYER

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and RESTORATION

**When we truly open our eyes, O God,  
we are so grateful for your many blessings.  
And yet we tremble how often we take you  
and your gifts for granted.**

**O God, we ask for your forgiveness for the ways  
we do not love ourselves and our neighbors.  
Grant us mercy for the times we twist your will  
to suit our own needs.**

**Help us now to turn toward you.**

**Help us become the people you know we can be.**

Rev. Donna

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**People:           The Lord is our shepherd.  
                      He makes us lie down in green pastures.  
                      He leads us beside the still waters.  
                      He restores our souls.**

Leader:           Friends in Christ,  
                      let us accept the loving forgiveness God offers us,  
                      restoring our souls and refreshing our spirits.  
                      God's amazing grace is good news for us today!  
                      Alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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 sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power  
and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING John 21:15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this, Jesus said to Peter, “Follow me.”

THE MESSAGE **Do You Love Me?**

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THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*The sacrament of communion is a joyful feast for the people of God! It is open to all who desire to know the presence of Christ in their heart and lives. Please hold the elements in your hands as the minister proclaims the words of consecration. Together we will receive the bread first and then the cup.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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