

## New Creation United Methodist Church Worship

March 22, 2020



### Prelude

### Gathering

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Music

### Opening prayer

We gather today as fellow travelers. Some of us are on the mountaintops of life, celebrating milestones. Some of us are traveling the deepest and darkest of valleys. But we gather together today, regardless of where we are on our journey, seeking the same thing: God's presence. Lord, we gather seeking you on our journeys. Be with us today in this worship in a way that gives us hope for the future. Amen.

### Scripture Lesson Psalm 23

### Meditation

### Response

L.: The Lord is my shepherd, what does that mean? P.: Our God watches over us and keeps us safe.

L.: But sometimes we don't act as if we are safe in God's arms. Let us confess our feelings of insecurity and inaction to our God.

### Prayer of Confession

O most gracious and loving God, we know that you are our shepherd. We know the 23rd Psalm by heart. Sometimes it comforts us in times of personal trouble. But too often we are not empowered by your words. We are still afraid. We are afraid to help others because they might hurt us. We walk by the stranger on the street. We don't even tell our friends about your love and care. Help us to believe that your goodness and mercy are with us all the days of our lives - in everything we say and do. This we ask in the name of your son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

### Music

### Benediction

***MISSION:*** *New Creation United Methodist Church is an intentionally integrated and welcoming community that seeks new life in Jesus Christ through radical discipleship, worship, reconciliation, hospitality, and justice in our Durham community.*