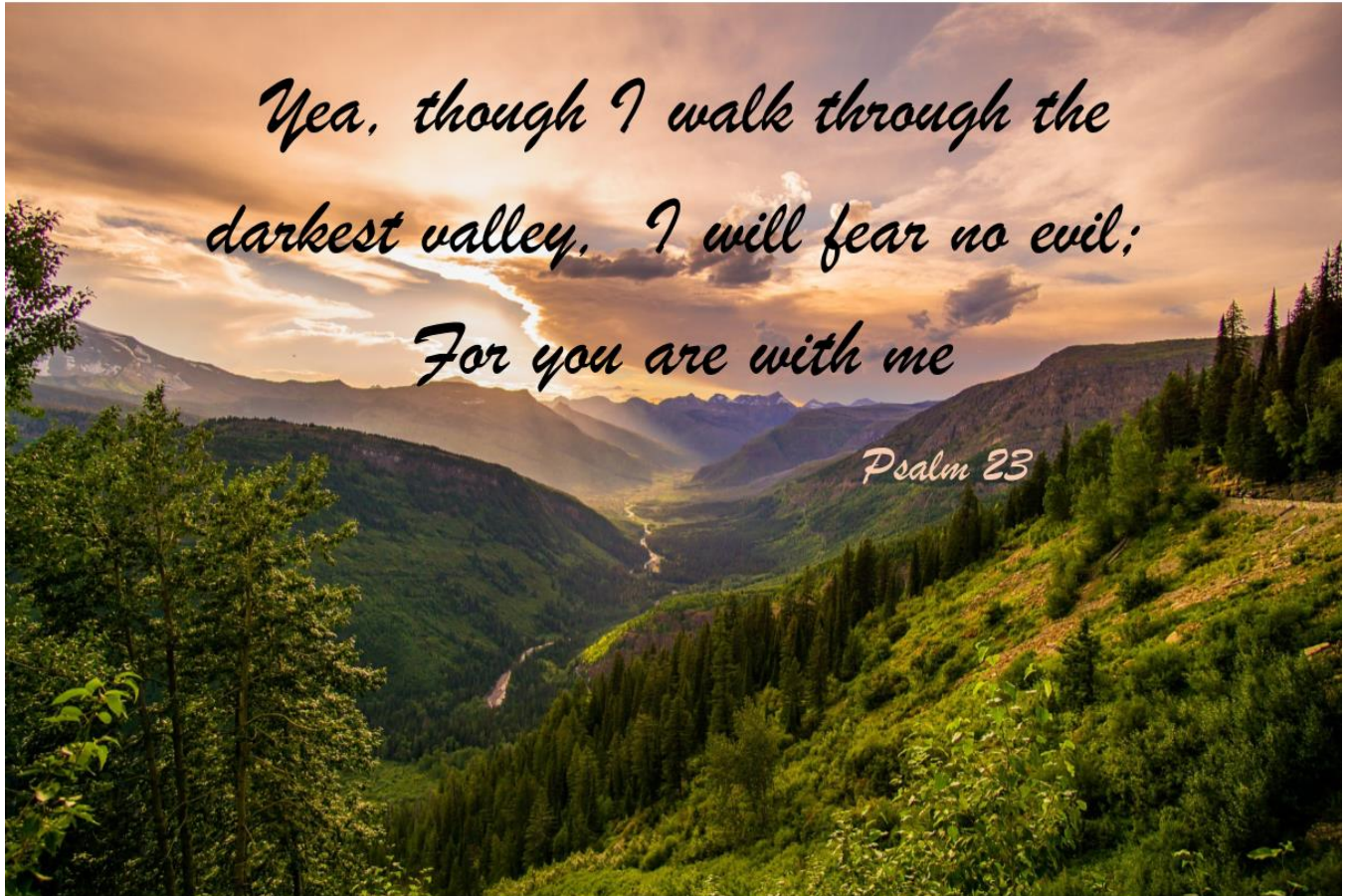




PRESBYTERIAN  
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*Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All*



*Yea, though I walk through the  
darkest valley, I will fear no evil;*

*For you are with me*

*Psalm 23*

***First Time Here?*** Thank you for coming! We encourage you to watch our video-recorded service on our Facebook or Youtube Channel. The links are on our homepage at [www.churchoftheroses.org](http://www.churchoftheroses.org).

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

March 22, 2020 | Online Worship

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Children's Song #1*

Chick Corea

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**All: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!**

One: Know that the Lord is your God. It is God who has made us and not we ourselves. We are God's people and the sheep of his pasture.

**All: Let us worship God!**

HYMN #69 sung by Myles Ellis

*I the Lord of Sea and Sky*

*Daniel Schutte*

*I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain  
I have borne my people's pain  
I have wept for love of them  
They turn away **[Chorus]***

**[Chorus]**

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart***

*I will break their hearts of stone  
Give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my words to them  
Whom shall I send? **[Chorus]***

*I, who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send? **[Chorus]***

*I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save **[Chorus]***

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Norm Smith, Liturgist

One: Dear people of God, it is with confidence that we may confess 'that our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made the heavens and the earth.' Let us pray:

**All: Heavenly Sustainer and Comforter, we praise You for this time that we gather here virtually and spiritually in Your presence. May your grace, love and peace be to each worshipper.**

One: Loving Shepherd, You lead and guide, You walk alongside, You prepare, you feed, you call all of your sheep, even those of us who are lost, and those of us who stray constantly.

**All: We are grateful for the lush green pastures of our lives, and we pause now to offer our thanksgivings for the many blessings in our lives...**(silent thanksgivings)

One: There are so many who walk in the shadows of fear and suffering and despair, and we pause now, to offer our prayers for the broken and bleeding places in this world...(Silent prayer)

**All: We also offer our prayers for the sheep of our own flocks, in our families and friends, in this our church and our community during this time of fear and struggles...**

One: Be with all who are suffering from the COVID-19 outbreak around the world. Heal us, make us whole, make us loving and peaceful, help us help others cope with this time of suffering and anxiety. Make us all instruments of your peace and hope. (Silent prayer)

**All: We pray these things with gratitude and thanksgiving in the name of the Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: In the name of our Loving Shepherd, Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, blessed, and sent out to bless a world in need.

**All: Thanks be to God for this merciful love!**

#### OFFERTORY

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23

Norm Smith, Liturgist

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM sung by Myles Ellis

*Be With Me*

*Bob Hurd*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 9: 1-38

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN #649 sung by Myles Ellis      *Amazing Grace*

*Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
T'was blind but now I see  
T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear  
And Grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed  
Through many dangers, toils and snares  
We have already come.  
T'was grace that brought us safe thus far  
And grace will lead us home,  
And grace will lead us home  
Amazing grace, How Sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
T'was blind but now I see  
Was blind, but now I see.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (based on Psalm 23)

One: Loving Heavenly Creator and Sustainer, we come to You in Jesus' Name to thank You for the peace, comfort and joy that we feel from pondering the assurances you give in Psalm 23. You promise provisions to sustain us and that we will lack nothing essential.

**All: "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want."**

One: We ask You to guide us along the right path, to provide us with comfort and refreshment. With you we can find peace, joy and a more fulfilled life.

**All: "God makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."**

One: It is such a blessing that no matter what destruction and chaos comes our way, we need not fear because we trust that You are with us and Your protection is unfailing. This continually brings us comfort.

**All: “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”**

One: We appreciate the fact that wherever we are, You provide and bless us beyond our comprehension.

**All: “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.”**

One: Thank you for Your goodness and love towards us and for assuring us it will never end. When You call us home, we will join You in glory, praising Your Name forever and ever.

**All: “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”**

One: Direct our relationship with You to be like that of a sheep to the shepherd, where we rely on You in total trust for everything in our lives at all times. In Jesus' Name, who taught us to pray, saying.....

*(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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN #450 sung by Myles Ellis

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Mary E. Byrne*

*1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Up Jumped Spring*

*Freddie Hubbard*

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**PRAYER REQUESTS: *Please include in your prayers***

- ❖ The family of Norma Cooper, as they mourn her recent passing.
- ❖ The family of Frank Hansen, as they mourn his passing on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Those with health issues**

Bill Beaumont  
Bob Bunting  
Patrick Butler  
Peggy Call  
Doreen Cowden  
Dick Draper  
Barbara Flannery  
Marilyn Hilen  
Janice Holmes

Vivian Mazeski  
The Markus family  
Luu Maxwell  
Jessica Morse  
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Carolyn Kenworthy  
Diane Schuler  
Debbie Seat

Bob Simmons  
Sharon Sorani  
Jim Taylor Sr.  
Bob Weber  
Helen Wikle  
Betty Witchey-Ryer  
Avery Yudice

**Those serving in our military**

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

\***Jeanette Nichols** suffered a stroke and is at Parkview Rehab, 3751 Montgomery Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. *You are welcome to send cards.*