

*A Service to Celebrate the Life of*  
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*I am the resurrection and the life.*

*Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

*John 11:25-6*

Prelude

Opening Words of Promise and Welcome

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome in this place.*

Call to Worship

Psalm 139

Leader: Where can we go to get away from God's spirit?

Where can we flee from the divine presence?

**People: If I ascend to heaven, you are there.**

**If I make my life hell, you are there.**

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning

and settle in the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead and hold me fast.

**People: If I allow darkness to cover me**

**and the light around me becomes as night,**

**even then your light transforms the darkness to light**

**and the night is as bright as day.**

Leader: For you know me and love me,

and when I come to the end, I am still with you.

**\*Opening Hymn**

*In the Garden*

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Greeting

A Time of Prayer **and Unison Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.**

Special Music

*Bread of Angels (Panis Angelicus)*

César Franck

Duet—Bill & Mindy Bickford

arr. Van A Christy

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Psalm 23

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New Testament Gospel

John 14:1-7

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New Testament Epistle

Philippians 4:4-9

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Funeral Meditation

Rev. Mark Mendes

Special Music  
Duet—Bill & Mindy Bickford

*Take My Hand, Precious Lord*

Thomas A. Dorsey

A Time of Sharing  
Michelle Hayes  
Others  
Memorial Song

*"I'm Free"*

*"God on the Mountain"*

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Romans 8**

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Commendation

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Amazing Grace*

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Benediction:

**Sung Congregational Benediction**

*Go, Now in Peace*

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, holding you in love.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

Postlude

*\*Please stand as you are able*

*After the service, everyone is invited to a  time of fellowship and refreshments  
downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.*

## Psalm 23

### The Divine Shepherd

#### A Psalm of David

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.*

*He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.*