



Homer United Methodist Church

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Centering

Rev. Lisa Talbott

- take a deep breath, and remember that where ever you are, you are on God's holy ground.

Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Daniel Wilcox

Christ First UMC Wasilla and Palmer United Methodist Fellowship

Earth Day Litany

Your Kin-Dom on Earth

Global Ministries Missionaries

Grace Choi, Jae Choi, Didier Monga and Trisha Manns

Call to Worship

Pastor Lisa

Merciful shepherd, we are your flock.

Let us love as God loves.

Help us care for creation as you care for us.

Let us love as God loves.

Give us the courage to reach out to people who are different than us.

Let us love as God loves.

Give us ears to hear and learn from many voices.

Let us love as God loves.

Awaken our hearts to welcome all people.

Let us love as God loves.

Help us embrace and include all the sheep of your flock.

Let us love as God loves.

Forgive us when our love is absent and renew our hearts that our love may expand and enfold all of your good creation.

Let us love as God loves.

Amen.

Opening Song

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708
PIANIST: Ola Mullikin, Homer UMC
CCLI Song # 2728588
PUBLIC DOMAIN
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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Ola Mullikin

Prayer for Illumination¹

Tina Seaton

Merciful Shepherd, give us the grace to love as you love. Give us the courage to protect and care for others, even when we are afraid. Grant us the strength to love in truth and action, even when it's difficult. Awaken our curiosity and empathy, so that we can see all people as sheep of your flock. Shepherd us in our loving and in our living that others may see in us the fruits of your goodness and mercy. In your love and grace, we pray. Amen.

Scripture

John 10:11-18

Tina Seaton

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Preparation

Up from the Grave He Arose

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Robert Lowry, 1874
MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1874
PIANIST: Ola Mullikin, Homer UMC
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Sermon

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Rev. Carlo Rapanut

Alaska United Methodist Conference Superintendent

Special Music

Pata Pata

Vheneka

MUSIC: Traditional South African song; arr. for marimbas by Karin Sonnen
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¹ Adapted from Prayer of Yearning by Mary Scrifes, Abingdon Worship Annual 2021, 100.

Closing Song

Lift High the Cross

Joint Anchor Park UMC and St. John UMC Virtual Choir, Anchorage

WORDS: William M. James, 1979

MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

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