

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

WELCOME TO AMAZING GRACE

All are welcome here where Christ is host.

Assembly's response is in bold print. Please join in singing, praying and in all ways participate whether in person or joining via livestream. Please note, that all Sunday worship services are also on Facebook live and on the Amazing Grace website. Your presence in person grants Amazing Grace permission to include your image in those places. If you prefer not to be in the video online, please sit in the back half of the sanctuary.

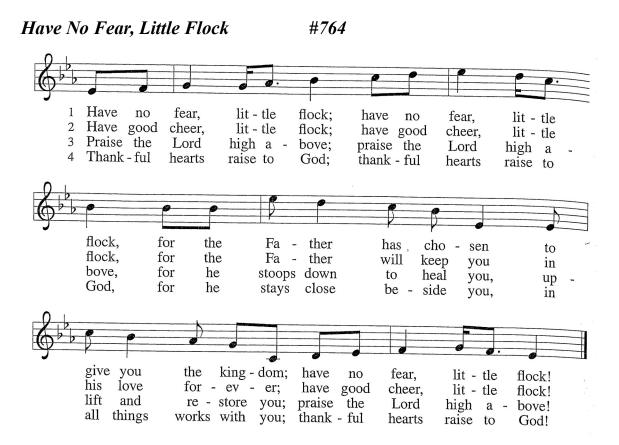
GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

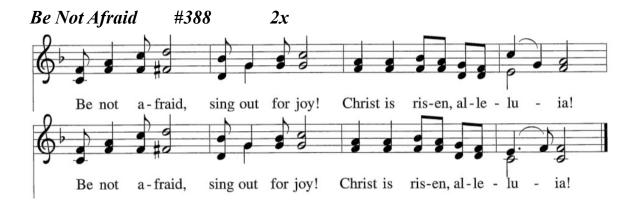
GREETING AND WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



SILENCE



CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd. He lays down his life for his sheep. The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd. He knows us, and we belong to him. The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd. He speaks, and we listen for his voice. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore let us confess our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us.
We talk about love,
but our actions betray us.
We talk about love,
but we neglect the poor.
We talk about love,
but we fail to love one another.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, and abide in us
by the power of your Spirit
so that our lives may show
our love for Jesus Christ,
in whose body we live
and in whose name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

PRAYER

We are your people, O God—the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table; through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

Acts 4:5-12

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone."

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 he refreshes my soul

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the gospel reading, if you are able)

John 10:11-18

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

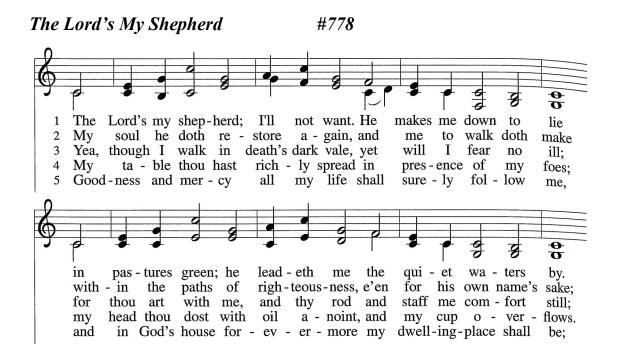
¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the

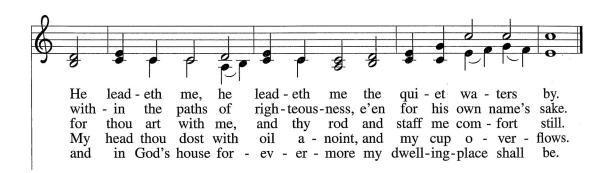
sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

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

MESSAGE





YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS

The prayers are longings of the people of God, entrusted with praying for God's church, God's world, all God's beloved and for the concerns of our hearts that God's peace and righteousness will guide our lives. The worship assistant will name the general needs for which we pray. The people are invited to name aloud or in silence the specific needs which the Spirit is calling forth in your prayer.

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need of good news.

Hear us O God...

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

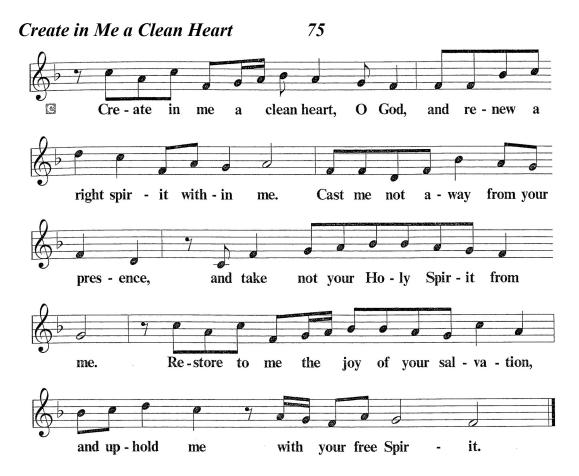
Please share a sign of God's peace in the comments and with those around you.

MEAL

In response to the Good News an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need as the table is prepared.

OFFERING

We respond to the good news of God's grace and love with our offerings of money, time, and talent. Everything belongs to God. We return a portion of what God has entrusted to us for the sake of ministries in and through Amazing Grace that share God's love here, in our community and around the world. Offerings and tithes may be mailed into the church office, an automatic withdrawal from your bank can be set up or an online payment can be made through the church website by clicking on "Giving".



PRAYER

Let us pray.
Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen**

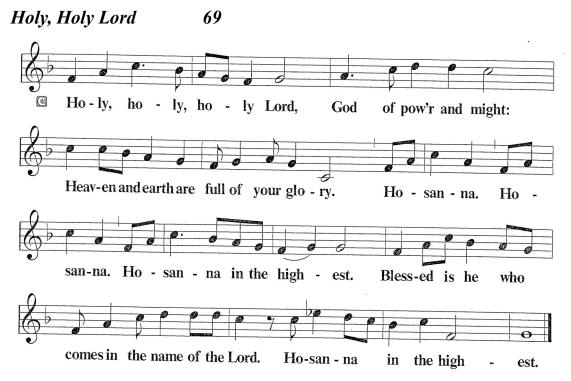
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disci-

ples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

We join in praying as Jesus taught us to pray:

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 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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION

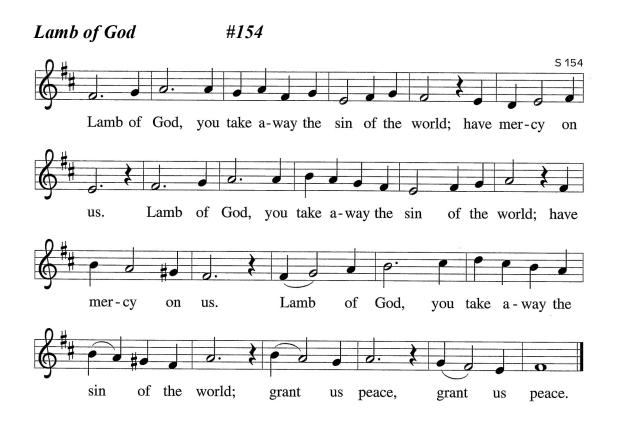
The risen Christ is made know to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Red wine and white grape juice are both available. Please ask if you prefer gluten free wafers. We receive the bread and dip it into either the wine or grape juice, returning to our seats by the side aisle.

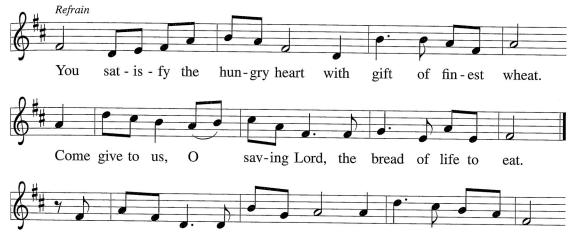
At Amazing Grace, everyone is invited to the Lord's Supper. At home, you may serve each other the bread and wine with these words: **The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.**

There is no hierarchy, there are no distinctions in the Kingdom of God! We are all the same at the foot of the cross!



You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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- when the shep-herd calls his 1 sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- With joy ful lips we sing to 2 you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- The mys-t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, You give your-self to us, O Lord; Lord; then self - less let



when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice. you should count us that wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food. not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one - ness in the Lord? whom all the world can - not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell. serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

BLESSING

May the goodness and mercy of God follow you all the days of your life, and, at your life's end, may you dwell in the house of the Lord forever. **Alleluia!**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

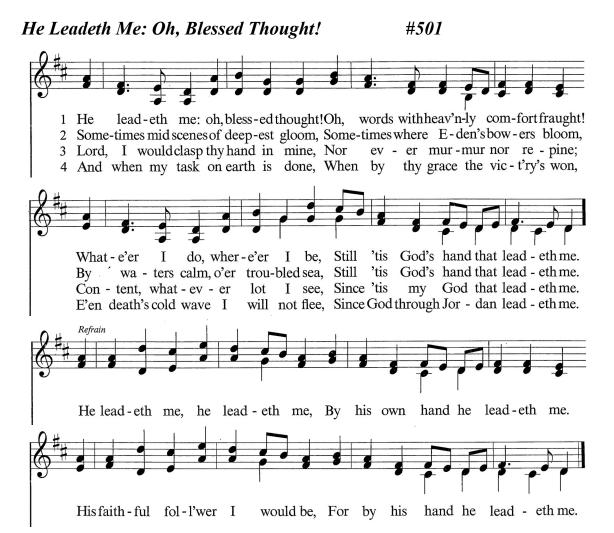
Our passionate worship always sends us back out into the world where we live the good news of Jesus in our daily lives through: radical hospitality, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service and extravagant generosity.

CELEBRATIONS

Nicholas Evanson, April 16 Chris Seelke, April 19 Mike Hubbard, April 19 Anneliese Kraiger, April 19 Pam Alstrom, April 20 Sarah Channel, April 20

Wow! Our congregation is incredibly generous! The good will offering from the Youth and family potato feed raised \$996.31! Thank you for helping us "make waves" towards our \$2,100 goal. Overall funds raised so far - \$1,450!

The youth will also be selling tickets to a spaghetti dinner to be held at Saron Lutheran on May 7th ... another opportunity to help "make waves" towards achieving our goal!



Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Ok we will! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

God's people join in prayer for: Alice Johnstone, Ronan, Alec Pugh, Marti Debandt, Xander Johnstone, Kenna Dilley, Mike Erickson, Kris Gienger & Family, Krista, Chris Castillo, K. Bramstedt, Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller, Janice Harder, Sam Rabung, Kristin Mullen, Pastor Eric Utto-Galarneau and family, Tobi Buckman, Monica Olden, Cheri, Dana, Susan Bylund, Dean Christianson, Emmersyn, Josiah, Mert Turner, Audra Wieler, Michael Silver, Helen Velling, Linda, Tom Plumlee and we pray for family and friends mourning the death of Nick. May he rest in peace in rise in glory.

for those unemployed or underemployed; those ill or dying; those displaced from their homes around the world, especially those seeking asylum, fleeing violence, poverty, and despair in Afghanistan, Central and South America and Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and the Middle East region.

for those who have served in the military in the past and for those in active military service: especially John Kupka.

for those who live on the margins in our own community: those who live outside, in cars, or in unstable housing; those who live with food insecurity; those who are unemployed or under-employed.

for those who work for the care of the vulnerable in our community in: Temporary housing, Health care, Food Banks, Family Promise, Salvation Army and Union Gospel Mission.

(We periodically update the prayer list. Please contact the office 532-8250 to let us know if we should continue praying for the person whose name you submitted.) Contact Brenda Grant at brenda k grant@hotmail.com or Kathy Wehage at kwehage55@yahoo.com

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

April 21

Presider: Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller

Liturgist: Greg Johnstone
Reader/Communion Assistant: Darci Jewitt

Communion Assistants: Dee Erickson & Mark Smalley

Communion Bread Baker: Karen Barkstrom

Ushers/Greeters: Mike Hubbard & Madison Winter **Depositors:** Kristine Finazzo & Joelle Buckman

Fellowship Hosts: Lile, D. Erickson, Bilderback, Burns, Ellis

Communion setup: Carmon Shaw Stream Team: Xander Johnstone

<u> April 28</u>

Presider: Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller

Liturgist: Laura Carle **Reader/Communion Assistant:** Joelle Buckman

Communion Assistants: Joan & William Rabung

Communion Bread Baker: Karen Barkstrom

Ushers/Greeters:Theresa Kaufman & Arlene TorgersonDepositors:Greg Johnstone & Anneliese KraigerFellowship Hosts:Ostwald, Gundersen, Stegemoeller

Communion setup: Tara Main
Stream Team: Amy Ostwald

THIS WEEK AT AMAZING GRACE

APRIL 21	9:00 AM	CHOIR
	10:00 AM	WORSHIP
	11:00 AM	FELLOWSHIP
APRIL 23	9:00 AM	HANDSEWERS
	11:00 AM	SENIOR ART GROUP
APRIL 24	5:30 PM	AA
	6:00 PM	BELLS
APRIL 25	9:00 AM	MASTER QUILTERS
APRIL 28	10:00 AM	WORSHIP

OFFICE HOURS

Church office open: Monday 8-1, Tuesday & Thursday 8-2, & Friday 8-11. AGLC Office 360.532.8250 amazing 11@comcast.net

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller 360.339.3773 and doug.knutsonkeller@gmail.com

Office hours for Pastor Doug: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 am to 4 pm. Flexible depending on evening meetings.

On scheduled Sundays he is available for meetings with committees after fellowship and private meetings.

ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have any new announcements that you would like included in the bulletin and Grace Notes for the upcoming week, please turn them into the office by 12pm on Thursday. Please send in announcement format. If deadline is missed, the announcement will be included in the following week's bulletin and Grace Notes.

SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

DISCUSSION ON FLAGS IN CHURCH

Since the last meeting with Pastor Vance ran long, not everyone was able to stay the whole time and participate in the discussion about where it is appropriate to display the American Flag in the church. We will have another discussion session after service on May 5th. As per Pastor Vance's recommendation, this session will be run by the church council instead of Pastor Vance.

The article on *Are Flags Appropriate in Church* available with Grace Notes and in Sanctuary.

UNION GOSPEL MISSION - 5/7

Kristine Finazzo, Leader Michelle Weiberg, Lynette Lile, Marti Debandt, Guy Harper, Kris Gienger

Substitutes: Hiedi Seelke, Carmon Shaw: 360-532-2940

Doug from UGM says to plan on 35-45 dinner guests and to have food there between 3-4:00.

Team leaders need to contact Doug on cell phone prior so he can give current numbers. 360 888 6382

If food needs to be heated up or cooked drop off earlier.

You may deliver food to the door in the alley. Ring the bell by the door and they will come and get the food.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Congratulations to two of our graduate families for moving into homes of their very own over the past two months! We are so proud of them and the hard work that they put in while participating in our program.

When our families graduate it leaves the door open to give another family the chance to turn their situation around and work toward a better future. If you are a family with minor children who are currently facing homelessness, please reach out to us through our Facebook messenger or call Angel at 360-986-3948.

• FPGH is hosting a Summer Friend Raising Concert featuring Angel Phoenix and The Man (with Special Guests) at Grays Harbor Foursquare on Friday, July 12 from 6 PM - 8 PM. Tickets are \$10 each or \$50 per family for up to 6 members and can be purchased by scanning the QR Code, visiting bit.ly/4apWya8, or calling the Family Promise Center at 360-986-3944.



• Save the date! Our 2nd Annual
"There's No Place Like Home" Dinner
& Auction Benefit will be held at 5
PM on Saturday, September 14 at
the Rotary Log Pavilion. Stay tuned
for more information!

AMAZING GRACE PASTORIAL TRANSITION 2024

Please let the Transition Team know your hopes and dreams regarding Amazing

Grace's future as we move towards receiving a new pastor. This is "required step" in the process leading up to Pastor Selection. There are four ways to respond:

- 1. PICK UP a transition survey from the coffee table in Parish Hall, fill it out and return it to the envelope on the Transition Bulletin Board
- 2. E-MAIL your responses to <u>agletransition@gmail.com</u>
- 3. USE THE QR CODE on the written survey to respond on your phone
- 4. CONTACT a team member below to arrange a personal or phone interview. (Before this part of the process is finalized, we are also directly calling folks we

haven't heard from, in an effort to make sure voices do not go unheard).

Vicki Mitchell@ 360-537-0077, Mike Hildreth@ 408-603-3302, Sarah Channel @360-888-9538, Marti DeBandt@ 360 591-6979, William Rabung @360-580-4103, Kristine Finazzo@ 360-532-6053 V. Mitchell: kvmseagallery@gmail.com M. Hildreth: mike@mbhcci.com M. Debandt: catnip50@comcast.net K. Finazzo: mfinazzo7@comcast.net W. Rabung: william.rabung@gmail.com S. Channel: channel924@gmail.com

PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know needs a call from the Pastor please contact Pastor Doug at 360.339.3773 and doug.knutsonkeller@gmail.com

MAY NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

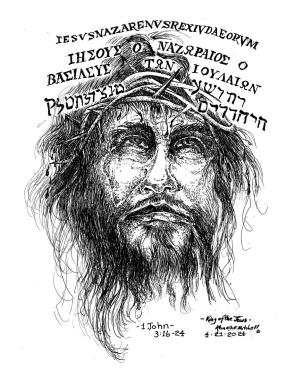
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Household Prayer: Morning

Good shepherd, walk beside me through the joy and trouble of this day, and lead me in right paths for your name's sake. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Good shepherd, remain with me in the dark and stillness of this night, and let me lie down in safety to restore my soul. Amen.





HEART PILGRIMAGE

ONE-DAY RETREAT AND WORKSHOP

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE ONE-DAY RETREAT AND WORKSHOP LED BY REV. MICHELLE DE BEAUCHAMP CALLED "HEART PILGRIMAGE" THAT IS BASED ON THE STUDIES SHE DID DURING HER SABBATICAL IN FALL 2023. THIS IS A RETREAT WHERE REV. MICHELLE WILL SHARE DIFFERENT CELTIC CHRISTIAN RITUALS (I.E. WALKING THE ROUNDS), OTHER MODERN FORMS OF CONTEMPLATIVE AND/OR CREATIVE PRAYER RITUALS (I.E. LABYRINTH WALKS AND CREATIVE SPACE), AND MORE THAT CAN BE EASILY INCORPORATED INTO OUR DAILY LIVES. THIS IS A TIME FOR REST AND RENEWAL WHILE LEARNING DIFFERENT TOOLS TO HELP GROUND AND CENTER OURSELVES DURING THIS CHAOTIC TIME IN THE WORLD. THIS IS A WONDERFUL GATHERING TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS AND OPEN YOUR HEART TO HEALING, PEACE, AND CARE. THERE WILL BE DIFFERENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS, INTERACTIVE LECTURES, AND CENTERING TIME THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THIS EVENT IS FREE FOR THOSE WHO REGISTER, AND LUNCH IS PROVIDED. REGISTER BY CALLING SARON-FIRST AT (360) 532-4611 OR ONLINE USING THE QR CODE BELOW.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

9:00 AM-3:00 PM (LUNCH INCLUDED)
SARON LUTHERAN-1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
708 8TH STREET
HOQUIAM, WA 98550

REGISTER HERE:

AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

VISION
A welcoming place where grace happens!

MISSION
To experience and share God's love through worship, education and Community

<u>VALUES</u> Radical Hospitality

Passionate worship

Intentional faith development

Risk-taking mission and service

Extravagant generosity



Ministers: The People of Amazing Grace

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Keith Lile, Greg Johnstone **Musicians:** Kristine Burns