

**TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP AT HOME FOR MARCH 22, 2020**



MUSIC MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is in the water that restores our soul.

And God is in the night when we lose our way.

God is in today and tomorrow, raising up leaders, prophets and dreamers.

And God is in the wilderness with us – every step of the way.

So, with confidence we declare –

If God is in those spaces, then God is surely here.

Let us worship the God of creation.

Let us worship the God of wilderness spaces.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus of Nazareth,

There are stories of you healing the blind all over scripture.

You were constantly opening people's eyes.

So today we confess that we often choose to keep our eyes closed.

We turn away from injustice in our world, worried you might ask us to work for change.

We close our eyes to our privilege, because the truth is uncomfortable.

We avoid eye contact with those who are suffering to avoid identifying with their pain.

Forgive us for failing to be your Church in the world.

Guide us from the depths of our wilderness into your light. Amen.

MUSIC FOR TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news of God's grace;

Though we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Though we were enemies of God, God loved us.

Once we were lost and dead – now Christ has become our life and salvation.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

SOLO

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 9: 1 - 41

Psalm 23

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

"Before and After"

Sarah Dennis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God our faithful Shepherd,
we depend on you for everything we need:
for daily food, for guidance and protection,
for healing in injury and comfort in sorrow.
You respond in abundant provision.
Thank you for your tender care of us.
Thank you for soothing the wounds of this life.
Thank you that in the presence of enemies,
especially the last enemy of death,
you are with us, as Shepherd, Host, Home.
Knowing your faithfulness in our lives,
we bring before you the lives of others,
the cares of this world,
entrusting all things to your goodness and mercy.
Bring healing to those who are ill in mind, body, or spirit.
Bring release to those who are held captive by old hurts
or new bonds that oppress and entangle.
Bring freedom to those unjustly accused,
relief to those burdened with debt,
comfort to all who suffer from abuse of any kind.
We pray for people living precariously in the midst of war.
Protect, we pray, citizens and soldiers alike,
and teach us to put away our weapons,
taking up instead words of peace and reconciliation.
By the power at work in Christ,

break down the walls of hostility we build
so that we may learn to live together graciously.
We remember those living in the midst of drought and famine.
We pray for rain to fall and crops to grow,
and for generosity to overflow from our own hands and resources,
until all your children receive their daily bread;
until all your children have clean water to drink;
until all your children have adequate shelter and medical care.
Compel us to be better stewards of creation
so that our habitation is sustainable and responsible.
Loving God, help us to see the world as you see it;
to see others as you see them;
and to see ourselves rightly, too.
Because you have come into this world for judgment,
we can leave our judgments behind.
Pursue us all with your goodness and faithful love
until goodness and faithful love fills every heart
and informs every action.
We pray these things in the name of the one
who came that we might see,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

LORD'S PRAYER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Reverend Sarah Dennis; Reverend Patrick Dennis;
Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*; Mary Chris Werner, *Liturgist*

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