

COMMUNITY PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN - *We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection*
(VU 586)

SUNG AMEN

Hope Shines As The Solitary Star
(MV 220) (sing 2X)

*Hope shines as the solitary star.
Faith is the inner light.
You and I together mirror the light of lights,
and illumine the pathway home.*

Words: Catherine Faith MacLean, music: Janet Bauman Tissandier

Flute - Leeanna Rook

Oboe - Glenda Hofmeister

POSTLUDE**KNOX UNITED CHURCH**

March 26th, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Lent

SINGING THE SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, Come To Us (MV 75) (sing 2X)

*Holy Spirit, come to us,
kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit, come to us.
Holy Spirit, come to us.*

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**CALL TO WORSHIP and GATHERING PRAYER**

HYMN - *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* (VU 509)

LIGHTING THE TRINITY CANDLES**GREETING GOD'S FAMILY**

*(Children and Youth may join Sunday School
in the lower church hall)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS**HOLY CONVERSATION**

We are people who yearn to have vision - vision for the present and vision for the future. Even so, we are too often unable or unwilling to see the truth of God's presence, and see God's love in our own lives and the lives of others.

There are times when we are too blind to see what is actually going on around us.

There are times when we turn away, preferring not to see realities that challenge us or make us uneasy.

There are times when we wring our hands as if we are helpless, wishing things would change, when, if we looked, we could see steps we might take to help those things change.

There are times when we ignore or discount others' stories rather than confront difficult truths that make us uncomfortable.

May our eyes and our hearts be opened, so that we can truly see the deep realities of the world, our place in it, and God's vision for it. Amen.

HYMN - *Are You a Shepherd* (MV 126)

WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

Hebrew Scriptures **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

Samuel and David

Early Letters **Ephesians 5:8-14**

Live as children of light

Gospel **John 9:1-7**

A blind man sees

ANTHEM *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Words: Psalm 23, paraphrased by Isaac Watts (1674-1470);

Music: American Folk Hymn, melody from *Southern Harmony*, 1835, arr. Mark Wilberg

Oboe - Glenda Hofmeister

My Shepherd will supply my need;

Jehovah is his name;

*In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the healing stream.*

He brings my wand'ring spirit back,



*when I forsake his ways,
and leads me for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death,
thy presence is my stay;*

*One word of thy supporting breath
drives all my fears away.*

*Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
doth still my table spread;*

*My cup with blessings overflows,
thine oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;*

*O may thy house be mine abode
and all my work be praise!*

*There would I find a settled rest
while others go and come,*

*no more a stranger, nor a guest;
but like a child at home.*



REFLECTION

HYMN - *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*
(VU 442)

MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING

MUSIC BEFORE PRAYER (MV 97) (sing 2X)

One: Listen!

All: Listen, God is calling, through the word
inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

Words & music: traditional Tanzanian song, trans. Howard S. Olson

