



**Crooks Memorial  
United Methodist Church**  
March 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Serving In Worship Today

Ushers/Greeters: Jean Carden & Kay O'Beirne

A/V Coordinator: Allen Conway

Stream Team: Jim Pile, Pete Prokup, Kasey Landis,  
Bill Diggs, and Mark Cooper



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**Our Mission:**

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
Transformation of the World

**Our Vision:**

Making Space for God and Others

**Our Values:**

Worship ✝ Faith ✝ Family ✝ Hospitality

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**Welcome to Worship**

**Cell phone and electronic devices:**

Please set to silence.

**Connection Card:** Helps us know you are here and helps you engage. Please complete and place it in the offering plate.

**Hard of hearing or sight:**

Large print hymnals and listening devices are available from an usher.

**We love children in worship!**

Worship Bags and books are located in the narthex. However, if needed, our staffed nursery is available for those five and under. Ask an usher for directions.

**We record worship:** As a ministry to those unable to be present, our worship service is livestreamed, recorded, and posted to our website and social media sites.

**Bold print** indicates a congregational/unison reading.

**Welcome** Debbie Braziel  
**Prelude** “Near the Cross” arr. Chris Addison  
**\*Hymn** “The Gift of Love” UMH 408

**Call to Worship**

God summons us to wake up and see.  
Light has come to lead us to all that is good.  
**Our eyes have been opened to God’s goodness.**  
**We seek to live as Children of light.**  
God sees beyond our outward appearance.  
God knows the intent of our hearts.  
**We are here to find out what is pleasing to God.**  
**We want to know what is right and true.**  
God listens to all who worship sincerely.  
Praise God with openness and obedience.  
**We seek to know and follow God’s will.**  
**This is a day to do the works of God. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer** Rev. Bob Parsons

**\*Hymn** “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” UMH 301

**Scripture** Matthew 4:18-22; 9:9; 10:5-15 Laon Sung  
(Pew Bible N.T. 3, 8, 9-10)

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** “Homeward Bound” Crooks Men Ensemble  
arr. Jay Althouse

**Message** “Friends for the Journey” Rev. Bob Parsons

**\*Hymn** “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” UMH 521

**Offertory Prayer**

Loving Shepherd, gentle Savior, we give You thanks this day:  
for rest in green pastures, for refreshment beside still  
waters, for health and wholeness for our souls. As we rejoice  
in Your goodness and mercy, we offer You our gifts this day.  
Through our offering, may others be blessed. Amen.

**Offertory** “Lonesome Valley” arr. Eugene Butler  
**\*Doxology** UMH 95  
**\*Benediction** Rev. Bob Parsons  
**Postlude** “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Ben Logan  
An Ancient Irish Melody

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Psalm 23

1-3 GOD, my shepherd!  
I don’t need a thing.  
You have bedded me down in lush meadows,  
you find me quiet pools to drink from.  
True to your word,  
you let me catch my breath  
and send me in the right direction.

4 Even when the way goes through  
Death Valley,  
I’m not afraid  
when you walk at my side.  
Your trusty shepherd’s crook  
makes me feel secure.

5 You serve me a six-course dinner  
right in front of my enemies.  
You revive my drooping head;  
my cup brims with blessing.

6 Your beauty and love chase after me  
every day of my life.  
I’m back home in the house of GOD  
for the rest of my life.

Eugene H. Peterson, *The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language* (Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2005), Ps 23:1–6.