

Cross Roads UMC Worship Guide
May 15, 2022 @ 10 AM
5th Sunday of Easter

Gathering Music

Welcome

A Song of Praise: *Our God*

Verse 1: Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like you—None like you

Verse 2: Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's No one like you—None like you

***Chorus: Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God***

Repeat Verse 2 and Chorus

Bridge: And if Our God is for us,
then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us,
then what can stand against?
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Repeat Chorus 2 times and Bridge

Call to Worship:

When the lost are found,
there is joy!
When hope overcomes despair,
there is joy!
When we seek and find God's faithfulness,
there is joy!

Opening Prayer (in unison):

Loving God, remind us that we are here because you invite us, seek us, come to us, and embrace us. We are here because as a shepherd seeks a lost sheep, you seek us when we are lost. You rejoice when we are found. Teach us to give thanks. Amen.

A Time for Children with Dale Meadows

This, this Is where children belong,
welcomed as part of our worship and song,
hearing God's Word, sharing love all along
this Is where children belong.

Worship Team Anthem

Prayers of the People

A Time of Giving

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A Song of Preparation

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, UMH #384

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Scripture: Luke 15:1-7 [NRSV]

15Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. **2**And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” **3**So he told them this parable: **4**“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? **5**And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. **6**And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ **7**Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

This Is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message: THE LOST SHEEP

Special Music: *Reckless Love*

Psalm 23 [KJV]

23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. **2** He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. **3** He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **4**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. **5**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. **6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

A Song of Invitation

The Lord's My Shepherd, #UMH 136

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

The Blessing with *The Benediction*:

The Lord bless you and keep you
make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. Amen.

Postlude