**Welcome to…** **Nichols-Bethel United Methodist Church**

 **Where Every Member is a Minister**

**Instruction on our Hymnals.** Hymns used from the **United Methodist Hymnal** (UMH) in your pews are indicated by “No.” followed by the hymn’s number in the bulletin. Hymns using **The Faith We Sing** are indicated by “TFWS” followed by the hymn’s number. Large Print UMH and TFWS Hymn Supplement are available, please ask an usher for them.

**11am Fourth Sunday in Lent March 22, 2020**

**Prelude**

**\* Call to Worship**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

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As we gather for worship today, allow your Spirit to fill our very being.

**As we worship, we remember our brothers and sisters who are worshiping elsewhere throughout the world.**

Inspire each of us to live more faithfully as your disciples,

**where ever we are and whatever our circumstances.**

**\* Opening Hymn** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* No. 138

**Unison Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray,

**Lord, it’s hard to keep from projecting too far into the future. I begin to worry about things that I can neither determine nor change. But you have promised to be a light unto my feet, Lord. That light lets me see where to take my next step, but doesn’t let me see the whole path stretching in front of me. I know I can trust you to take me into the future one step at a time. Please give me strength and direction enough for today, Lord, and I’ll leave the future up to you. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

**The Lord’s Prayer**  *Sung*  No. 895

**The Offering**

*If you prefer to give electronically, you can text your contribution to* **NICHOLSBETHELGIVE** *to* **77977** *and instructions will be sent to your phone.*

**Offertory**

 **Scripture Reading** Psalm 23

**Gospel Reading** John 9:1-5

**Hymn**   *Shepherd Me, O God* TFWS 2058

**Message** *Peace and Work* Rev. Katie Saari Associate Pastor

**\*Closing Hymn** *Lead Me, Guide Me* TFWS 2214

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction** Refrain: *Lead Me, Guide Me* TFWS 2214

**Refrain:** Lead me, guide me, along, the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

**\*Postlude**

\*The parts of the service indicated by an asterisk (\*) encourages all who are able to stand.

