# **CROSSROADS UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE**

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We Gather as God's People

# Introit: #16 [MV] Come and Fill Our Hearts

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the light of the world. All: With light, there is clarity and hope, the promise of new life.

One: Just as darkness flees in the presence of light, death is dispelled by the presence of the resurrected Christ. All: We light this candle as a sign that God, through Jesus, is always with us.

Welcome & Announcements Minute for Mission

## **Call to Worship**

One: Our God is like a shepherd, who watches over us. All: Our God is like a parent, caring for us. One: Our God, is like a gardener, helping us to grow. All: Our God loves us no matter what. One: Come, let's worship God!

# Hymn #142 [MV] Oh A Song Must Rise

## **Opening Prayer**

One: O God, we come to this holy place in celebration. All: We come with praise and prayers. One. We come in crisis and in calm, knowing that we're the sheep of your pasture, All: knowing that in you alone, we live and move and have our being.

One: We thank you for this sacred place, which is sustained by your holy presence.

All: We thank you for devoted members who choose to worship in this place,

One: in ups and downs,

All: in change and stability.

One: We come to this holy place.

All: We come to worship you, O God. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn #343 [VU] I Love to Tell the Story

Time With the Young-at-Heart

# We Listen for God's Word

# <u>Prayer of Illumination</u>

One: O God, as we receive the words of scripture, may we be empowered to share your truth through the Holy Spirit. All: May we understand its meaning for today, witnessing to your love always. Amen.

Scriptures: Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 (#749) John 10:11-18

## Reflection

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn #126 [MV] Are You a Shepherd?

## Prayer of Confession

One: Like a child running for the playground,

All: like a canoe touching shore at the portage trail,

One: like a traveler returning from a distance,

All: we enter this holy space and time.

One: May we sense oneness, joy, challenge, grace.

All: May we feel that we can share our deepest truth.

One: May we sense the forgiveness that surrounds us when we open our hearts to God

All: and receive the mercy and peace that can be ours. Amen.

#### **Words of Affirmation**

One: Can you stop the sun from shining?All: It gives light every day.One: So, it is with God's grace.All: Thank you, God, for the promises of new life. Amen.

#### **Offering and Dedication**

**Prayers of the People** 

Hymn #635 [VU] All the Way My Savior Leads Me

### **Commissioning and Benediction:**

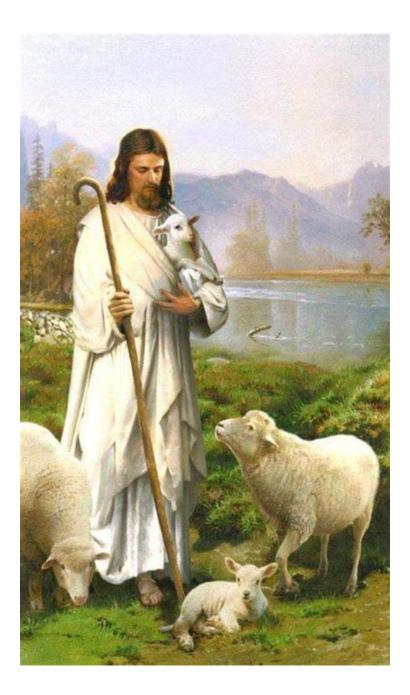
One: You know us by name, O God, **All: and your care for us is beyond understanding.** One: You'll go with us as we leave this place. **All: In the paths of joy, you'll celebrate with us.** One: When hardship and testing come our way, you'll endure with us.

All: When we're separated from you or your people, you'll bring us back.

One: Compassionate God, you're always with us.

All: You'll never leave us or forsake us. Amen.

Response: #211 [MV] Go Now in Peace, Guided by the Light





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**Worship times:** Wawota at 9:30, Maryfield at 11:30 (April to July)

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