

Sebastopol United Methodist Church
Sunday, March 22, 2020
Order of Worship

Seasonal Theme:

We head toward the passion and cross of Christ

Theme for the day:

The gift of light for us who struggle still in the darkness,
and how we live now that we might have light.

Call to worship:

Shepherd us, O God -- Open our ears to hear your calling.

Open our eyes to see your care -- Share our fascination with the ways of the world.

Prepare us to follow you. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination:

Gracious God, our faithful God, we pray that you show us our communities and our world through your eyes. Wash away our blind spots, and help us to see where we do not see. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may see what is good and right and true. Help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your glory becomes visible in our words and deed, In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

Reading: **Psalm 23:1-6** [text of Scripture follows on page 2]

Message: **LIFE CONTINUES!**

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing and Benediction:

Scripture Reading – March 22, 2020

PSALM 23:1-6

A Psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

my whole life long.