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This liturgy is part of the UMCOR Sunday pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme “God’s Promise of Restoration.” The prayers can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service.

INVOCATION (based on Psalm 23)

Restorative Shepherd,
You bring comfort to those experiencing disaster.
You lead us beside still water.
As we gather in the house of the Lord,
Prepare the table for us.
Anoint us to share your good news
of mercy and goodness with all those we encounter.
We gather with thanksgiving this UMCOR Sunday
and all the days of our lives.
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 23)

One: The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

One: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures

All: God, remind us today to pause and see your
mercy and goodness.

One: The Lord leads me beside the still waters

All: In the midst of storms, offer us moments
of calm.

One: The Lord prepares a table before me

All: There is more than enough to share with
our neighbors.

One: The Lord anoints my head with oil

All: God, restore our souls so that we can be
agents of your mercy and goodness.



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OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, thank you for UMCOR, which shepherds communities through storms and other disasters. Thank you for preparing a table to nourish the hungry.

Thank you for offering green pastures with resting spaces to restore souls and lives. Our cup overflows with abundance.

Receive our gifts and transform them into acts of goodness and mercy that alleviate suffering and offer hope and healing to your people. Amen.

BENEDICTION

As you depart from this place,
May your soul be restored
To see God at work as lives are transformed.

May your soul be restored
To share your witness of Christ's love in the
midst of life's storms.

May your soul be restored
To be moved by the Holy Spirit such that you
serve as an agent of mercy and goodness.

You are anointed.
Go in peace.



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