

**GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH:  
INCLUSIVE – INSPIRING – INVOLVED**

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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**The Reverend William D. Ingraham, Pastor and Teacher**

*Order of Worship  
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**Welcome!**

We are delighted to have you worshiping with us today! The Church of the Good Shepherd (COGS) is a dynamic congregation with a rich history and an exciting ministry in the community.

Our church is a part of a blend of four major Protestant denominations that united together in 1957 to form the United Church of Christ. We claim the early Pilgrim and Puritan settlers of this country as part of our heritage, and celebrate the words of Pastor John Robinson, who in his farewell remarks to the Pilgrims as they were leaving for the “new world,” said,

*“There is still more light and truth to break forth from God’s holy word.”*

We are a church that:

- Takes the Bible seriously, but not literally.
- Worships God with joyful hearts and open minds.
- Includes children in the life and ministry of the church.
- Celebrates creativity and the arts.
- Seeks to be inclusive of ALL people.
- Believes that growth in wisdom and understanding happens at all stages of life.
- Is committed to work for justice for all people and for the environment.
- Cares for one another, laughs easily, and rests in God’s love.
- Looks to Jesus as teacher, prophet and Child of God.

*\* Those who wish are invited to stand as they are able.  
Nursery care is available for babies to age 3.*

GATHERING SONG "Brightest and Best" (vs. 1, 2, & 3) #157

PRELUDE *Dorenda Morse, piano*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS and CONCERNS

SHARING GOD’S LOVE and PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Rev. Kirby Lewis*  
*– Please see page 34 of the hymnal –*

\*OPENING HYMN "Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering" #167

\*INVITATION TO PRAYER Rev. Kirby Lewis

One: Do you believe in the transcendent, masculine side of God?

**Many: We do.**

One: Do you believe in the incarnate, companionable side of God?

**Many: We do.**

One: Do you believe in the indwelling, feminine side of God?

**Many: We do.**

**All: Then let us pray to the One God who is all these and more.**

ANTHEM "Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit" arr. by Moses Hogan  
*Chancel Choir*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Who Loves You?" Rev. Kirby Lewis

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Rev. Kirby Lewis

SERMON "The Baptism of Jesus" Bob Rosenak

SILENT PRAYER / PASTORAL PRAYER / OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

**Our Father, our Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation

Rev. Kirby Lewis

Offertory

"Morning Meditation"

by Ben Logan

*Kate Sauer, organ*

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow.**

**Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God the source of all our gifts.**

**Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts.**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Kirby Lewis

\*PARTING HYMN "O Savior, Let me Walk with You" (vs. 1 & 4) #503

BENEDICTION

Bob Rosenak

*(Please leave quietly, so those who wish to listen to the Postlude may do so.)*

POSTLUDE

"Festival Piece"

by G. F. Handel

*Kate Sauer, organ*