

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

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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

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.

GATHERING SONG "Unite and Join Your Cheerful Songs" #617

PRELUDE "Reverie" Claude Debussy
Dorenda Morse, piano

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS and CONCERNS

SHARING GOD’S LOVE and PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP Roberta Glaser

One: Gather here in Christ’s name.

Come together as a people of faith.

**Many: We gather here, offering our hearts for worship,
Singing praises to the God of all creation.**

One: Gather here, people of love and hope.

Come into God’s presence in unity of purpose.

**Many: We enter this place as many individuals,
Yet together, we are one in Christ.**

One: Each person, everywhere, is precious to God.

Each person here today is a gift, to us, and to the world.

**Many: In our lives and in this church, we need each other.
Together, by God’s mercy, we know a new wholeness.**

**All: May our unity in Christ draw us closer to one another,
And ground our lives in faithful devotion to God. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" #400

*MORNING PRAYER (in unison) Roberta Glaser

One: Please pray with me.

All: Our Gracious, Loving God,

We thank you for the gift of life, and for the wonders of this day.

You have made us as part of your beautiful creation, and we are grateful.

The differences among us are countless, yet each one is crafted in your Holy image. We are remarkably and beautifully made.

Keep us mindful of your love, for us, and for all creation.

Help us to know your boundless care for each and every person,

that we might love others as freely and as deeply as you love us.

Help us to embrace and celebrate the rich diversity of your people.

Teach us to live in ways that empower all people to live

with honor and dignity. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit,

that in our church and in our lives, we might proclaim Good News

to a world that needs it so very much. This we ask in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

ANTHEM "We Are One" by Brian Tate

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Ingraham

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Roberta Glaser

SERMON "One Body" Rev. Ingraham

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

Roberta Glaser

Offertory

"Offertoire"

by Cesar Franck

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

Roberta Glaser

*PARTING HYMN "We Are Your People" (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6) #309

BENEDICTION Rev. Ingraham

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

POSTLUDE "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord" Justin Knecht

Kate Sauer, organ