

**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 "Holy, Holy, Holy" #277

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS and CONCERNS

SHARING GOD’S LOVE and PEACE

*(Please return to your seats when you hear the chimes.)*

PRELUDE *Dorenda Morse, piano*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Richard Mitchell

One: We gather here as a family of faith.

Many: **We are sisters and brothers, young and old together.  
Each of us is a beloved child of God.**

One: We are together here in Christ’s name.

Many: **We gather here, seeking to hear God’s word proclaimed.  
We lift our hearts and voices in praise to God’s holy name.**

One: Here, we encounter the Holy among us.

On this day, God’s Spirit can touch us, and make us new.

Many: **Here, we see God’s holiness, and our own frail humanity.  
Here, we receive a blessing that empowers us to walk in Christ’s ways.**

All: **In our worship this day, and in our lives every day,  
May we be honor and serve God in all that we are and all that we do.  
Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

"Here I Am Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

***Chorus:***

Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

***Chorus***

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

***Chorus***

\*MORNING PRAYER (in unison)

Richard Mitchell

One: Please pray with me.

All: **Our Heavenly, Mighty God,**

**Your love and care for all creation are boundless and endless.**

**The whole earth is filled with your glory, from the rising of the sun**

**to the going down of the same. We sing your praises, and thank you**

**for your grace and mercy. Open our hearts and minds, loving God,**

**that we might know your presence here today. Teach us to see you**

**in all the places and spaces of our everyday lives. Help us to remember**

**your intimate connection with us and with every living thing.**

**And by your mercy, show us your ways. Lead us to answer your call,**

**so that today and every day, we will serve you and your world with all**

**our hearts and lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

ANTHEM

"Kyrie Eleison"

by Randall Johnson

*Ensemble*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Ingraham

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

Richard Mitchell

SERMON

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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

Richard Mitchell

Offertory

"Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring"

arr. D. Cherwien

*Kate Sauer, organ*

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings 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

Richard Mitchell

\*COMMUNION HYMN

"I Come with Joy"

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Everyone is welcomed to receive communion in this church. We use grape juice, bread and a gluten-free alternative. Communion will be served at the front of the church by intinction, where participants dip bread in a chalice.*

*Everyone is invited, row by row, to come forward by the center aisle.*

*Please return to your seats by a side aisle.*

Communion Music

*Dorenda Morse, piano*

\*PARTING HYMN

"You Walk along Our Shoreline"

#504

BENEDICTION

Rev. Ingraham

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

POSTLUDE

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

arr. A. L. Page

*Kate Sauer, organ*