

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

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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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.

*Order of Worship
February 21, 2010*

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

GATHERING SONG "O Savior, Let Me Walk with You" #503

SPECIAL MUSIC "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel" arr. Kriske & DeLelles
Children's Choir (Orff Instruments)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS and CONCERNS

SHARING GOD’S LOVE and PEACE
(Please return to your seats when you hear the bells.)

PRELUDE "Trio No. 1" by Josef Gabriel Rheinberger
Penny Voss, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP Pat Rosenak

- One: Gather together, sisters and brothers of the faith.
Draw together as community – a family that walks in Christian ways.
- Many: We come into this house of worship, greeting new and old friends, alike.
We gather here to sing and pray, to laugh and cry, to hope and dream.**
- One: Let us take a moment to be still together, here, before God.
The Season of Lent has begun. Let us turn our thoughts heavenward.
- Many: As we look to God, made known to us in Jesus,
we seek to understand who we truly are, and how we can learn more
faithfully to walk in the ways of heaven.**
- One: The journey will not always be easy. There will be trials and troubles.
We may be often tempted to turn away from love, mercy, and hope.
- Many: We pray for God’s Spirit to guide us, and for the courage
to live and walk after the example of Jesus who is the Christ.**
- All: May our worship here today both inspire and ground our living,
that in these 40 days, and in every day, we can grow closer to God,
and to being the people God longs for us to be. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days" #211

*MORNING PRAYER (in unison) Pat Rosenak
 One: Please pray with me.
All: Our Gracious, Loving God,
We offer our thanks and praise, for you bless us in countless ways.
Our days are filled with opportunities: to love and to be loved;
to hope and to offer hope; to receive and to show mercy. Yet day to day
we easily forget the bounty of your love and care, for us and for all.
We get busy with the everyday matters of our lives. Sometimes
we are weighed down with work and professional aspirations.
We can get caught-up in schedules, deadlines, pressures and busy-ness.
We worry about our health, our families, our finances, our futures.
We get so caught-up in ourselves, and in our own lives,
that we leave little or no room for others. Please forgive us, loving God.
Help us to ground ourselves in a sense of your presence.
Teach us to be aware of your boundless care and mercy for all creation.
And inspire us to walk, day by day, in the ways of Jesus, so that
we might offer our lives in your service, both here today, and every day.
This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Thula Klizeo" Shabalala/Macdonnell
 (Zulu translation of "Thula Klizeo": "Be still my heart, even here I am at home")
Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Ingraham

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:1-13 Pat Rosenak

SERMON "Temptation (or 'Until an Opportune Time')" Rev. Ingraham

SILENT PRAYER / PASTORAL PRAYER / OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

Our Father, our Mother, who is in heaven, Holy be your name.
Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM "The Chord" by Thomas Bold
Men's Ensemble – Nancy Adam, alto soloist

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation Pat Rosenak

Offertory *Dorenda Morse, piano*

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication Pat Rosenak

RITUAL OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

see insert
 Dennis Evans
 Hollis J. Gillespie
 Rev. William D. Ingraham

*PARTING HYMN "Eternal Christ, You Rule" #302

BENEDICTION Rev. Ingraham

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

POSTLUDE "Voluntary in D Minor" by William Walond
Penny Voss, organ