

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

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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# *Pentecost*

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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 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" #282

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS and CONCERNS

SHARING GOD’S LOVE and PEACE

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

PRELUDE "Lord, Be Glorified" by Kirkpatrick/Wagner  
*Duet – Dorenda Morse and Kate Sauer*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Bruce St John

One: Pentecost is the day we celebrate God’s gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Many: Come, Holy Spirit! Stir among us, we pray; and inspire us.**

One: As the story goes, divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among the disciples.

**Women: One tongue rested upon each disciple, and the Spirit gave them the ability to speak in other languages.**

**Men: There were people there from all over the known world. They heard what the disciples were saying, and they understood.**

One: So the Spirit inspires speech, but also listening, and understanding.

**Choir: Spirit of God, descend upon my heart.**

One: When we call upon the Spirit, we find ourselves open to its movement.

**Men: We can learn to listen tenderly to one another, and truly to hear.**

**Women: We can learn to speak in ways that proclaim love and mercy.**

**Many: We can learn to become community together: speaking, hearing, and serving in love, all for heaven’s purpose, here on earth.**

Choir: There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place.

**Many: Let us be open: to the Spirit, to each other, and to the world.**

**All: Come, Holy Spirit! Come!**

\*OPENING HYMN "On Pentecost They Gathered" #272

\*MORNING PRAYER (in unison) Bruce St John

One: Please pray with me.

**All: Our Heavenly, Loving God,  
You stir among us by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
inspiring the Church from generation to generation.  
You move in this place, as you do throughout creation,  
in ways that bring new life and hope. Old promises  
and new possibilities come to light when we open ourselves to you,  
your ways and intentions. Teach us to discern your Spirit's leadings,  
and to live and act upon your guidance. Help us to be as concerned  
with listening and hearing as we are with speaking. And empower us,  
we pray, for open hearts that understand in loving ways,  
and move us to generosity, faithfulness and service, all in Christ's name,  
and for heaven's sake. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

ANTHEM "Ritmo" by Dan Davison  
*Chancel Choir*

CELEBRATING and APPRECIATING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Ingraham

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21 Bruce St John

SERMON "The Day of Pentecost" 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.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation Bruce St John

Offertory "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" American Folk Tune  
*Joyful Noise Bell Choir* arr. by Wagner

\*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 Bruce St John

\*PARTING HYMN "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" (vs. 1 & 2) #63

BENEDICTION Rev. Ingraham

RESPONSE "Let the Flame Burn Brightly" by Rush/Larson  
*Chancel Choir*

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

POSTLUDE "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" arr. by D. Cherwien  
*Kate Sauer, organist*