

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

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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Trinity Sunday
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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 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (vs. 1, 2, & 4) #403

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS and CONCERNS

SHARING GOD’S LOVE and PEACE

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

PRELUDE

Dorenda Morse, pianist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dennis Evans

One: This is Trinity Sunday, a day we celebrate the diversity of God, known to us as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Many: Today we celebrate what we have come to know and understand about God, and recognize that God is greater and broader than ever we will know.

One: This day, we also celebrate that we have peace with God – that we are *at peace* with God, and that God *grants* us peace as a gift.

Many: We have been called into relationship with God and with one another, invited to live with faith, trusting to God’s goodness and mercy in all things.

One: God gives us the opportunity to evolve, to draw more close to God’s side, and to learn to live and walk in God’s ways in all that we say and do.

Many: Through days of hardship, suffering and trail, as well as days of comfort, we will cling to God, endeavoring to stand in a hope that endures and sustains.

All: May the love and mercy of God, for us and for all, be for us a sure foundation that we can know a hope that does not disappoint, and learn to share it.

*OPENING HYMN "All My Hope on God Is Founded" #408

*MORNING PRAYER (in unison) Dennis Evans

One: Please pray with me.

**All: Our Heavenly, Loving God,
We are forever and always surrounded by your presence,
yet our eyes are not always focused to see, nor our hearts open to know,
the certainty of your proximity. We would assert that our lives are good,
and they often are. Yet so many among us suffer and struggle:
with ill health or chronic pain; with fears or doubts; with anger,
prejudice or hatred; with uncertainties or insurmountable challenges.
There are times when the going seems harder than we can handle,
and hope appears well beyond our grasp. Help us, Holy One,
to recognize your presence in all times, and to draw strength from the
sustaining power of your mercy and love. Increase in us a genuine hope,
that whatever may come our way, we will trust ourselves to be securely
in your love and care. This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee" by Charles Gounod
Jean Lindahl, soloist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Ingraham

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:1-5 Dennis Evans

SERMON "Hope Does Not Disappoint" 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 Dennis Evans

Offertory "Aria on My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" arr. by John Behnke
Kate Sauer, organist

*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 Dennis Evans

*PARTING HYMN "How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies" (vs. 1 & 2) #594

BENEDICTION Rev. Ingraham

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

POSTLUDE *Dorenda Morse, pianist*