

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

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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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 "Many Are The Lightbeams" (vs. 1, 2, & 5) #163

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS and CONCERNS

SHARING GOD'S LOVE and PEACE

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

PRELUDE

Linda Gilmour, pianist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ginger Ahrend

- One: Paul's ministry among gentiles and Diaspora Jews was going and growing well. The churches he founded crossed traditional boundaries and societal norms.
- Many: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.**
- One: Yet there were many who judged Paul's inclusive Gospel as going too far. They were appalled by the notion of being in community "with those people."
- Many: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.**
- One: To this very day, the Christian church is divided over who is in and who is out. Are women to be equally empowered? Are LGBT people to be welcomed? Are Christians allowed to have differing theological and social perspectives?
- Many: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.**
- All: May God bless us with an openness of heart and mind, that we may be and become the inclusive Church Christ's Gospel challenges us to be.**

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

*MORNING PRAYER (in unison) Ginger Ahrend

One: Please pray with me.

All: God of love and care,

We gather here in your name, grateful for you abundant tenderness and mercy that surround us all our days. We live together as a family of faith, seeking hope and fortitude in this place as we live into an unknown future. Help us to draw strength from your radical love, and to be inspired to new ways of thinking and of being in our daily lives. Help us in our aspirations to diversity, inspiring here a genuine celebration of differences as we proclaim your love and care for all creation. Encourage us in our commitment to compassionate service. And empower us to be a place of genuine welcome: that all who enter here will find an embrace of friendship and care that will remind them of your love, for us and for all. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ANTHEM "You Raise Me Up" by Graham/Lovland
Karah Williams, soprano soloist

RITUAL OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP *see insert*
Chauling Armijo – Katrina Tracy
Mayling Armijo – Melissa Bachmann
Barbara S. Brown

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Ingraham

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 3:23-29 Ginger Ahrend

SERMON "All One" 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 Ginger Ahrend

Offertory "Ridente La Calma" ("How Calm Is My Spirit")
Karah Williams, soprano soloist by W. A. Mozart

*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 Ginger Ahrend

*PARTING HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West" #395

BENEDICTION Rev. Ingraham

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

POSTLUDE *Linda Gilmour, pianist*