

**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      "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"      #506

TOMATO TORNADO      "N’ Awlins Tomato Song"  
SONG      *(to the tune of Jambalaya)*

To-ma-toes by the gross, me-o-my-o  
We brought re-cipes back home from the Bayou.

To make a roux – tomato stew with file gumbo  
We need Creole tomatoes – lots of jumbos.

Well, whole or diced, stewed or spiced,  
we all love ‘em!

The Storehouse gives them to the hungry  
by the dozen.

So come on folks and cowpokes, moms & papas  
Let’s raise ten thousand cans of to-matas!

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS      Art Stuart

JOYS and CONCERNS

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

PRELUDE      *By the String Doctors (Robert Fleming, Chandler & Richard Todd)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Pat Rosenak

One: The disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray.  
It seems an odd thing. Surely they had witnessed Jesus pray many times!

**Many: No doubt they picked up a few pointers just by observing Jesus in prayer, but that doesn't mean they understood how Jesus would have them pray.**

One: So Jesus taught them how to pray. He told them to address God with a comfortable familiarity, but also to honor God's name as Holy.

**Many: He taught them to pray for the Realm of Heaven to come on earth. He taught them to pray for what they needed for their survival.**

One: He also taught them to ask for forgiveness, and to recognize their need to be forgiving of others, and not to hold others as indebted to them.

**Many: But Jesus didn't end there. He talked about persistence in prayer. And he taught them to trust God's goodness in all things.**

**All: This day and every day, may we learn to pray as Jesus taught. Let us live for the day when our whole lives are grounded in Heavenly ways.**

\*OPENING HYMN "God Is Truly with Us" #68

\*MORNING PRAYER (in unison) Pat Rosenak

One: Please pray with me.

**All: Our Heavenly, Loving God,  
We gather in this place as a family of faith, singing songs to your praise,  
hearing your word proclaimed, offering our tithes and gifts,  
and lifting our hearts to you in prayer. We seek your presence here.  
Help us to recognize that you are with us, and with the whole world,  
on each and every day. Teach us your ways, and help us to know your will.  
Give us what we need to sustain our lives, and inspire us to share  
our abundance with others. And give us glad hearts – hearts  
that recognize the blessings of life and love you share so generously,  
with us and with all. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

ANTHEM *By the String Doctors (Robert Fleming, Chandler & Richard Todd)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Ingraham

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 11:1-13 Pat Rosenak

SERMON "Asking God" 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 Pat Rosenak

Offertory "I Need Thee Every Hour" by Robert Lowry  
*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 Pat Rosenak

\*PARTING HYMN "Precious Lord Take My Hand" #472

BENEDICTION Rev. Ingraham

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

POSTLUDE *By the String Doctors (Robert Fleming, Chandler & Richard Todd)*