

**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      "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"      #18

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS      Lanie Dickel

JOYS and CONCERNS

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

PRELUDE      "Chorale on St. Columbia"      by David Lee

\*CALL TO WORSHIP      Mike Griffin

- One: We gather here, a people of faith and hope,  
opening our hearts and minds to the stirrings of God’s Holy Spirit.
- Many: We sing and pray together, and contemplate ancient scriptures,  
seeking to know God’s will and ways for us in the present day.**
- One: We recognize a great diversity of perspectives and aspirations,  
celebrating our shared journey as a community of love and service.
- Many: Young and old, new or long-term, each person here is a heavenly gift.  
May we make real a genuine welcome that celebrates all of God’s people.**
- One: We worship in the name of Jesus, who teaches us of love, care, and service.  
Following Christ, let us dedicate ourselves forever to the ways of heaven.
- Many: We will look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,  
running with perseverance the race that is set before us.**
- All: In our worship today, and in our lives every day, let us praise the God  
of love and mercy by what we say, who we are, and how we live. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN "You Are the Way" #40

\*MORNING PRAYER (in unison) Mike Griffin

One: Please pray with me.

**All: Our Heavenly, Loving God,  
We gather here, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.  
We are descendants of forbearers whose lives have testified  
to your love and mercy throughout the centuries. We gather, too,  
in the present age as one small expression of your whole Church –  
communities of faith across this continent and around the world,  
each one numbered with people of faith seeking to live and serve  
in Christ's name. Help us to recognize the broadness of your Church,  
and our special place for faith and love at the foot of this mountain.  
Teach us to serve you each day of our lives, and to walk  
after the example of Jesus. And let us never forget that your boundless  
love is for all people, everywhere. This we ask this in the name of Christ.  
Amen.**

ANTHEM *Special Music presented by  
the "COGS Pick-Up-Choir"*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Ingraham

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:29–12:2 Mike Griffin

SERMON "Looking to Jesus" 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

Mike Griffin

Offertory

"Jesus Christ, Our Savior"

by Alfred Fedak

\*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

Mike Griffin

\*PARTING HYMN "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" #400

BENEDICTION Rev. Ingraham

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

POSTLUDE "Allegro in F" by G. F. Handel