

**GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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	"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"	#73
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS		Art Stuart
JOYS and CONCERNS		
SHARING GOD’S LOVE and PEACE		
	<i>(Please return to your seats when you hear the bells.)</i>	
PRELUDE	"St. Stephen"	arr. by Healey Willan
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Susan Olson-Phillips
	One: Come, you scattered and torn;	
	Many: Here find hope.	
	One: Come, you scared and lonely;	
	Many: Here find love.	
	One: Come, you tired and tense;	
	Many: Here find rest.	
	One: Come, all who seek God's grace;	
	All: Here find the welcome of the beloved community.	

*OPENING HYMN "O Word of God Incarnate" #315

*MORNING PRAYER (in unison) Susan Olson-Phillips

One: Please pray with me.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, here where we have gathered in your name.

We need to hear your voice and learn of you. Speak to us of gentleness and strength. In your compassion, draw us into your merciful embrace. Center our spirits in your peace. Open our hearts to your teaching, that we may grow wise and strong in the ways of your kingdom. Amen.

ANTHEM "Kyrie Eleison" by R. Johnson
Women's Ensemble

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Paula Paul

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 55: 1-2, Matthew 6: 5-8 Susan Olson-Phillips

SERMON "Can You Hear Me Now?" Daryl Koning

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 Susan Olson-Phillips

Offertory "Jesus, My Joy" J.S. Bach

*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 Susan Olson-Phillips

*PARTING HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us" #77

BENEDICTION Daryl Koning

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

POSTLUDE "God of Grace and God of Glory" Huges/Raney