

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

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION
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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.

Order of Worship
September 5, 2010

** Those who wish are invited to stand as they are able.
Nursery care is available for babies to age 3.*

GATHERING SONG "Awake, Awake to Love and Work" #89

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS and CONCERNS

SHARING GOD’S LOVE and PEACE

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

PRELUDE "O Savior Blest" J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP Dennis Evans

One: Sing to God, our strength; cry out to God, our helper.
Rejoice, and do not fear to appear before our God.

All: **It is God who led our ancestors through hard times.
It is God who leads us through difficult days.**

One: God will not leave us or forsake us.
God welcomes us to the banquet of life.

All: **God fills our mouths with good things.
God offers us fountains of living water.**

One: Listen now to the voice of God and submit to God’s will.
Hear the Word of God and turn away from worthless things.

All: **We will delight in the commandments of our God.
We will share eagerly in the work God gives us to do.**

*OPENING HYMN "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?" (vs. 1-3) #539

*MORNING PRAYER (in unison) Dennis Evans

One: Please pray with me.

All: Gracious God, our helper, we seek the assurance of your presence in this time of worship. We have come to listen and to receive your counsel. Melt our stubborn hearts to remove the barriers that keep us from seeing your glory and doing your will. Challenge all that is worthless and unprofitable in our lives that we may become worthy imitators of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM "Waltz of the Kindred Sprits" and "Twink" (variation on a folk tune)
Composed and performed by Matthew Smith

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE TBD

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139 Dennis Evans

SERMON "Who Are We Hiding From" Bob Rosenak

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

"Sonata No. 9"

Domenico Scarlatti

*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

*COMMUNION HYMN "Be Known to Us in Breaking Break" #342

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is welcomed to receive communion in this church. We use grape juice, bread and a gluten-free alternative. Communion will be served at the front of the church by intinction, where participants dip bread in a chalice. Everyone is invited, row by row, to come forward by the center aisle. Please return to your seats by a side aisle.

Communion Music "Sheep May Safely Graze" J. S. Bach

*PARTING HYMN "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (vs. 1 & 4) #495

BENEDICTION Bob Rosenak

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

POSTLUDE "The Spacious Firmament on High" arranged by Diane Bish