



CHURCH OF THE  
**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

06/19/22

10:30am

HAPPY  
*Father's*  
DAY

*No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

**June 19th, 2022**  
**Worship Leader: Joanna Fair**  
**Song Leader: David Red**

**PRELUDE**....."It is Well With My Soul"

By H. Spafford

Dick Goins, Organ

**WELCOME**.....Joanna Fair

**HYMN**.....#472

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Verses 1,2,3

**Precious Lord, take my  
hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone  
Through the storm, through  
the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand precious Lord,  
lead me home**

**When my way grows drear pre-  
cious Lord linger near When  
my light is almost gone  
Hear my cry, hear my call  
Hold my hand lest I fall  
Take my hand precious Lord,  
lead me home**

**When the darkness appears  
and the night draws near And  
the day is past and gone  
At the river I stand  
Guide my feet, hold my hand  
Take my hand precious  
Lord, lead me home**

**GREETING OF OUR GUESTS.....**Joanna Fair



**OPENING REFLECTION:** .....”Softly an Tenderly”

by Will L. Thompson

arr. Mark Hayes

Carol Red, Piano

**JOYS AND CONCERNS:**.....Rev. Sarah TevisTownes

**PRAYER:**.....Rev. Sarah TevisTownes

**SCRIPTURE:**.....

**1 Kings 19:1-15a**

**19** 1-2 King Abab reported to his wife Jezebel everything that Elijah had done, including the massacre of her prophets. Queen Jezebel immediately sent a messenger to Elijah with her threat: “The gods will get you for this and I’ll get even with you! By this time tomorrow you’ll be as dead as any one of those prophets.”

3-5 When Elijah saw how things were, he ran for dear life to Beersheba, far in the south of Judah. He left his young servant there and then went on into the desert another day’s journey. He came to a lone broom bush and collapsed in its shade, wanting in the worst way to be done with it all—to just die: “Enough of this, God! Take my life—I’m ready to join my ancestors in the grave!” Exhausted, he fell asleep under the lone broom bush.

Suddenly, an angel of God shook him awake and said, “Get up and eat!”

6 He looked around and, to his surprise, right by his head were a loaf of bread baked on some coals and a jug of water. He ate the meal and went back to sleep.

7 The angel of God came back, shook him awake again, and said, “Get up and eat some more—you’ve got a long journey ahead of you.”

8-9 He got up, ate and drank his fill, and set out. Nourished by that meal, he walked forty days and nights, all the way to the mountain of God, to Horeb. When he got there, he crawled into a cave and went to sleep.

Then the word of God came to him: “So Elijah, what are you doing here?”

10 “I’ve been working my heart out for God,” said Elijah. “The people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, destroyed the places of worship, and murdered your prophets. I’m the only one left, and now they’re trying to kill me.”

11-12 Then he was told, “Go, stand on the mountain at attention before God. God will pass by.”

A hurricane wind ripped through the mountains and shattered the rocks before God, but God wasn’t to be found in the wind; after the wind an earthquake, but God wasn’t in the earthquake; and after the earthquake fire, but God wasn’t in the fire; and after the fire a gentle and quiet whisper.

13-14 When Elijah heard the quiet voice, he muffled his face with his great cloak, went to the mouth of the cave, and stood there. A quiet voice asked, “So Elijah, now tell me, what are you doing here?” Elijah said it again, “I’ve been working my heart out for God, because the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, destroyed your places of worship, and murdered your prophets. I’m the only one left, and now they’re trying to kill me.”

15 God said, “Go back the way you came through the desert to Damascus.”

**HYMN**.....#502

Verses 1,2,4,5

**1 Dear God, embracing human-kind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives your service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.**

**2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of your word,  
let us, like them, be spirit stirred,  
rise up and followers be.**

**4 Drop your still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of your peace.**

**5 Breathe through the pulses of desire  
your coolness and your balm;  
Let sense be numb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.**

**SERMON**.....Pastor Sarah TevisTownes

**PASTORAL PRAYER— SILENT PRAYER—**

**PRAYER OF JESUS**

Our Father, Our Mother,  
Who is in Heaven, Holy be Your name,  
Your Kin(g)dom come, Your will be done,  
On Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And do not lead us into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil,  
For yours is the Kin(g)dom and the  
Power and the glory,  
Now and forever, Amen.

**SHARING OUR GIFTS**.....Joanna Fair

**OFFERTORY** .....”There is a Balm in Gilead”

David & Carol Red

## **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**.....Joanna Fair

## **CLOSING HYMN**.....#476

“ How Can I Keep from Singing”

Verses 1,2,4

**1 My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth’s lamentation.  
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.**

**Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear the music ringing:  
It finds an echo in my soul—  
How can I keep from singing?**

**2 What though my joys and  
comforts die? My Savior  
still is living  
What though the shadows  
gather 'round? A new song  
Christ is giving.  
No storm can shake my  
inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm  
clinging.  
Since Love commands both  
heav'n and earth,  
how can I keep from  
singing?**

**4 I lift my eyes, the cloud  
grows thin;  
I see the blue above it;  
And day by day this path-  
way smooths,  
Since first I learned to love  
it.**

**LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY.....**

**CLOSING REFLECTION:....."There Is a Name I Love to Hear"**

arr Mary Ellen Kerrick, anonymous tune

Carol Red, Piano

**BENEDICTION**.....Pastor Sarah TevisTownes

**POSTLUDE**....."And Can It Be"

by Charles Wesley  
Dick  
Goins, Organ

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**SAVE THE DATE**

Sundae Social

Wed June 22

7pm

We will be gathering to make our own Sundaes and Socialize.  
More info later this week in your emails.

## **Please Pray For**

**Susan Olson-** by Roberta Glaser for Healing

**Brent Williams-** by Katherine Williams for Healing

**Richard Mitchell & Ruth Randal—**by Sue & Don Newman  
for health



Thank you for joining us in worship today

# Welcome!



***We are delighted to have you worshipping with us today!***

Church of the Good Shepherd, UCC 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.

## Vision Statement

**Church of the Good Shepherd desires to be an inclusive community that shares Divine love as a path to peace and justice in the world.**

## Mission Statement

**The mission of Church of the Good Shepherd is to build a just world through community one life at a time.**

***An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ***

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