



CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

07/31/22

10:30am



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

July 31st, 2022

Worship Leader: Susan Mackenzie

Song Leader: Ashley Daigle

PRELUDE....."Reflection"

Dick Goins, Organ

WELCOME.....Susan Mackenzie

HYMN.....#11

"Bring Many Names"

Verses 1,2,3,6

**¹ Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!**

**² Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!**

**3 Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!**

**4 Old, aching God, gray with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!**

**5 Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!**

**6 Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!**

GREETING OF OUR GUESTS.....Susan Mackenzie

OPENING REFLECTION:”Take Time to Be Holy”

Based on HOLINESS

By George C. Stebbins

arr. by Lloyd Larson

Dorenda Morse, Piano

JOYS AND CONCERNS:.....Rev. Stephen Miller

PRAYER:.....Rev. Stephen Miller

SCRIPTURE:.....

Exodus 3: 1-15

Reader: Susan Mackenzie

³Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

³Then Moses said, ‘I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.’

⁴When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’

⁵Then he said, ‘Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’

⁶He said further, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the Lord said, ‘I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,

⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. to you”:
This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’

¹¹But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’

¹²He said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’

13 But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’

14 God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am.’* He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “I am has sent me to you.”’

15 God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The Lord,* the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me

CHILDRENS TIME.....Rev. Stephen Miller

HYMN.....#320

“Deep in the Shadows of the Past”

**1 Deep in the shadows of the past,
far out from settled lands,
some nomads traveled with their God
across the desert sands.**

**The dawning hope of humankind
by them was sensed and shown:
a promise calling them ahead,
a future yet unknown.**

**2 While others bowed to changeless gods,
they met a mystery:
a hidden, uncompleted Name -
"I AM WHAT I WILL BE";
And by their tents, around their fires,
in story, song, and law,
they praised, remembered, handed on
a past that promised more.**

**3 From Abraham to Nazareth
the promise changed and grew,
while some, remembering the past,
recorded what they knew,
and some, in letters and laments,
in prophecy and praise,
recovered, kindled, and expressed
new hope for changing days.**

**4 For all the writings that survived,
for leaders, long ago,
who sifted, copied, and preserved
the Bible that we know,
Give thanks and find its story yet
our promise, strength, and call:
the working model of our faith,
alive with hope for all.**

SERMON.....Rev. Stephen Miller

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.....Susan Mackenzie

OFFERTORY....."I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

TUNE: KINGSFOLD
arr. Larry Shackley
Dorenda Morse & Linda Gilmour, Piano

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 Mackenzie

CLOSING HYMN.....

“Here I Am, Lord”

Here I Am, Lord

Verse 1

**I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night

I will go, Lord

If You lead me

I will hold Your people in my heart

Verse 2

I, the Lord of wind and flame

I will tend the poor and lame

I will set a feast for them

My hand will save

Finest bread I will provide

'Til their hearts be satisfied

I will give my life to them

Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night

I will go, Lord

If You lead me

I will hold Your people in my heart

I will hold Your people in my heart

Verse 3

**I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away**

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart
I will hold Your people in my heart**

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LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

CLOSING REFLECTION....."Gaelic Blessing"

by John Rutter
Ashley Daigle, Soprano
Linda Gilmour Piano

BENEDICTION.....Rev. Stephen Miller

**POSTLUDE....."Come Christians Join To Sing"
arr. Dougie Wagner**

Dick Goins, Organ

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.

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