



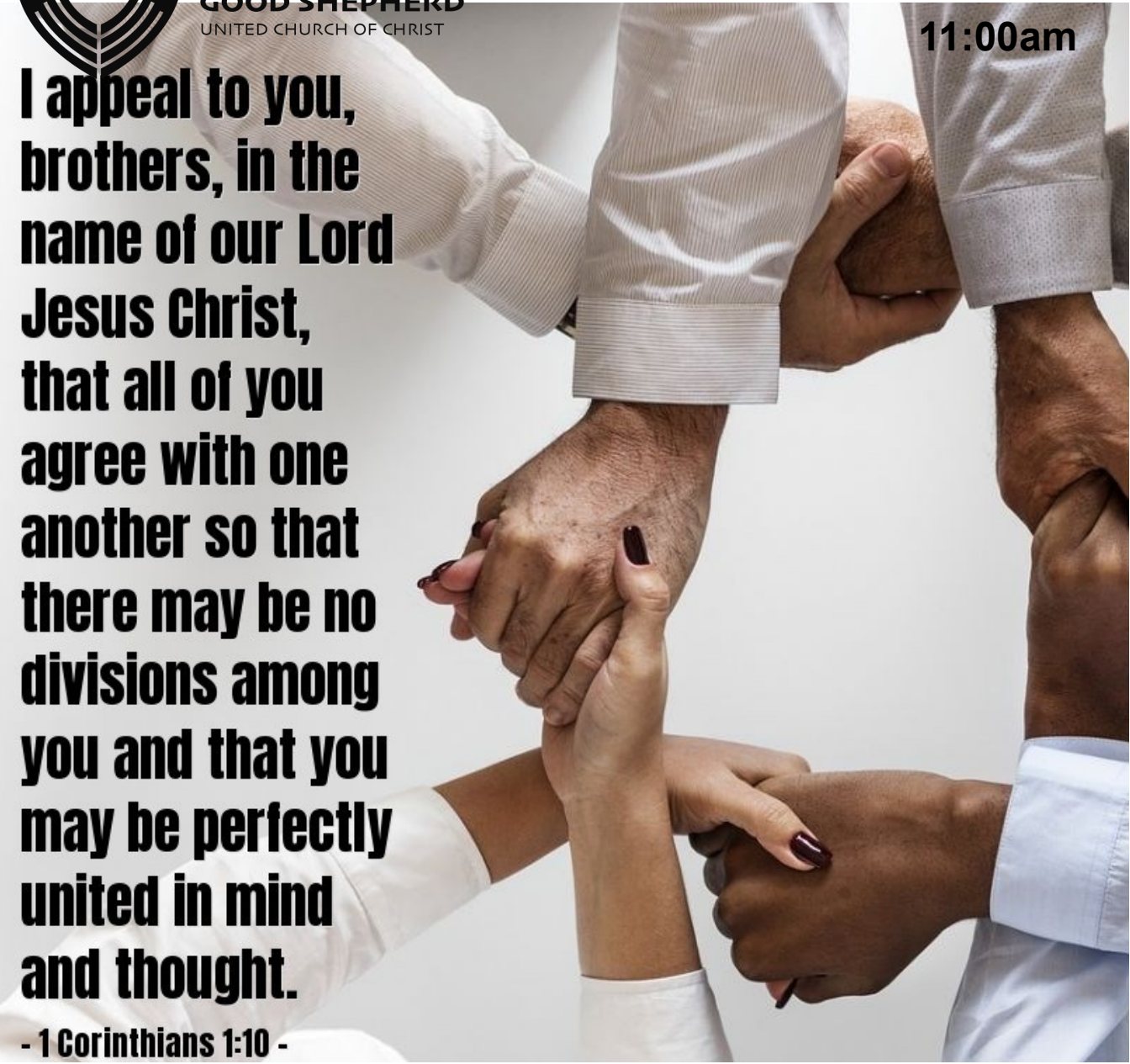
CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

01/22/23

11:00am

**I appeal to you,
brothers, in the
name of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
that all of you
agree with one
another so that
there may be no
divisions among
you and that you
may be perfectly
united in mind
and thought.**

- 1 Corinthians 1:10 -



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

JANUARY 22, 2023

Worship Leader: Chuck Qualley

Song Leader: Ashley Daigle

PRELUDE.....

“Song for this Sabbath:” Glorified, Blessed and Worthy

by Kilpatrick/Leatherman

Dick Goins, organ

WELCOME.....

HYMN #397 Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers 1,2,3

1 Thank our God for sisters, brothers,

One by grace, in harmony.

Joining heart to heart with others,

Making strong community.

With the cross of Christ our standard,

Let us as with one voice,

Glory, glory, yours the promise:

We who are the church rejoice.

2 Praise to God for congregations,

Keeping faith with Christ as guide;

Many tongues of many nations

Song and service unified

Sweet the psalm and sweet the carol,

When our song is raised as one.

Glory, glory, yours the glory,

As in heaven your will be done.

**3 Holy is your name for-ev-er!
Heal divisions that remain;
Bless the church's new endeavors;
Make our witness one again.
One in Christ and in Christ's gospel,
Make us one we now implore.
Glory, glory, yours the glory,
Then and now and ev-er-more!**

GREETING OUR GUESTS.....

OPENING REFLECTION.....

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery." by Boswell, Papa, and Bleeker,
arr. by Molly Ijames
Dorenda Morse, piano

JOYS AND CONCERNS.....

PRAYER.....Rev. Sarah TevisTownes

SCRIPTURE.....Rev. Sarah TevisTownes

1 Corinthians 1:10-18, The Message

10 I have a serious concern to bring up with you, my friends, using the authority of Jesus, our Teacher. I'll put it as urgently as I can: You must get along with each other. You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common.

11-12 I bring this up because some from Chloe's people brought a most disturbing report to my attention—that you're fighting among yourselves! I'll tell you exactly what I was told: You're all picking sides, going around saying, "I'm on Paul's side," or "I'm for Apollos," or "Peter is my man," or "I'm in the Messiah group."

13-16 I ask you, “Has the Messiah been chopped up in little pieces so we can each have a relic all our own? Was Paul crucified for you? Was a single one of you baptized in Paul’s name?” I was not involved with any of your baptisms—except for Crispus and Gaius—and on getting this report, I’m sure glad I wasn’t. At least no one can go around saying he was baptized in my name. (Come to think of it, I also baptized Stephanas’s family, but as far as I can recall, that’s it.)

17 God didn’t send me out to collect a following for myself, but to preach the Message of what God has done, collecting a following for God. And God didn’t send me to do it with a lot of fancy rhetoric of my own, lest the powerful action at the center—Christ on the Cross—be trivialized into mere words.

18-21 The Message that points to Christ on the cross seems like sheer silliness to those hellbent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation, it makes perfect sense.

A TIME FOR ALL AGES.....

HYMN #270 Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song 1,2,3

1 Like the murmur of the dove’s song,

like the challenge of her flight,

like the vigor of the wind’s rush,

like the new flame’s eager might:

come, Holy Spirit, come.

**2 To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the church in faith assembled,
to our midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**3 With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the pow'r to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.**

PASTORAL 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.....

OFFERTORY.....

Elegy by Giovanni Bottisini (1821-1889)

Nathan Lupinetti, bass; 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.....

CLOSING

HYMN #394 In Christ There Is No East or West

**1 In Christ there is no East or West,
in Christ no South or North;
But one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;**

**God's service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.**

**3 In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
For men and women live in God,
and all are kin to me.**

**4 In Christ now meet both East and West,
in Christ meet South and North;
One joyous, true community
throughout the whole wide earth.**

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY.....

CLOSING REFLECTION.....

"Navajo Vocabale for Piano No. 4" from THE NAVAJO PIANO (2014),
by Connor Chee
Dorenda Morse, piano

BENEDICTION.....

POSTLUDE.....

"Praise God, Praise God" by Allen/Leatherman
Dick Goins, organ

Please pray for; Jericha and her family. Pray for Peace.

Requested by Jericha.

Suzanne, for healing from chemotherapy and cancer.

Requested by Roberta.

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.
- Looks to Jesus as teacher, prophet and Child of God.

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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