



CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

07/28/24

11:00am



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

July 28, 2024

Worship Leader: **MARIBETH BOHLEY**

WELCOME.....

HYMN #425 For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.

For God's gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
Thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

OPENING REFLECTION.....

“Madison” from Stone Rose by Ola Gjeilo
Beth Purvis, cello; Linda Gilmour, piano

JOYS AND CONCERNS.....

PRAYER.....

SCRIPTURE..... **MARIBETH BOHLEY**

Psalm 65: 8-13, New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition

8 Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

10 You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

11 You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
the hills gird themselves with joy;

13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;
the valleys deck themselves with grain;
they shout and sing together for joy.

A TIME FOR ALL AGES.....

HYMN #35 O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder 1,2

1 O mighty God, when I survey in wonder
The world that formed when once the word you said,
The strands of life all woven close together,
The whole creation at your table fed,

[Refrain]

My soul cries out in songs of praise to you,
O mighty God! O mighty God!
My soul cries out in songs of praise to you,
O mighty God! O mighty God!

2 When your voice speaks in rolls of thunder pealing,
Your lightning power bursts in bright surprise;
When cooling rain, your gentle one revealing,
Reflects your promise,
Arcing through the skies, [Refrain]

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SERMON.....Rev. Dr. Sarah Tevis Townes

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.....

“Suite No. 2 in D Minor, No. V, Menuet I and II
Beth Purvis, cello

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.....

CLOSING HYMN #471 What a Covenant (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)

1 What a *covenant, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?

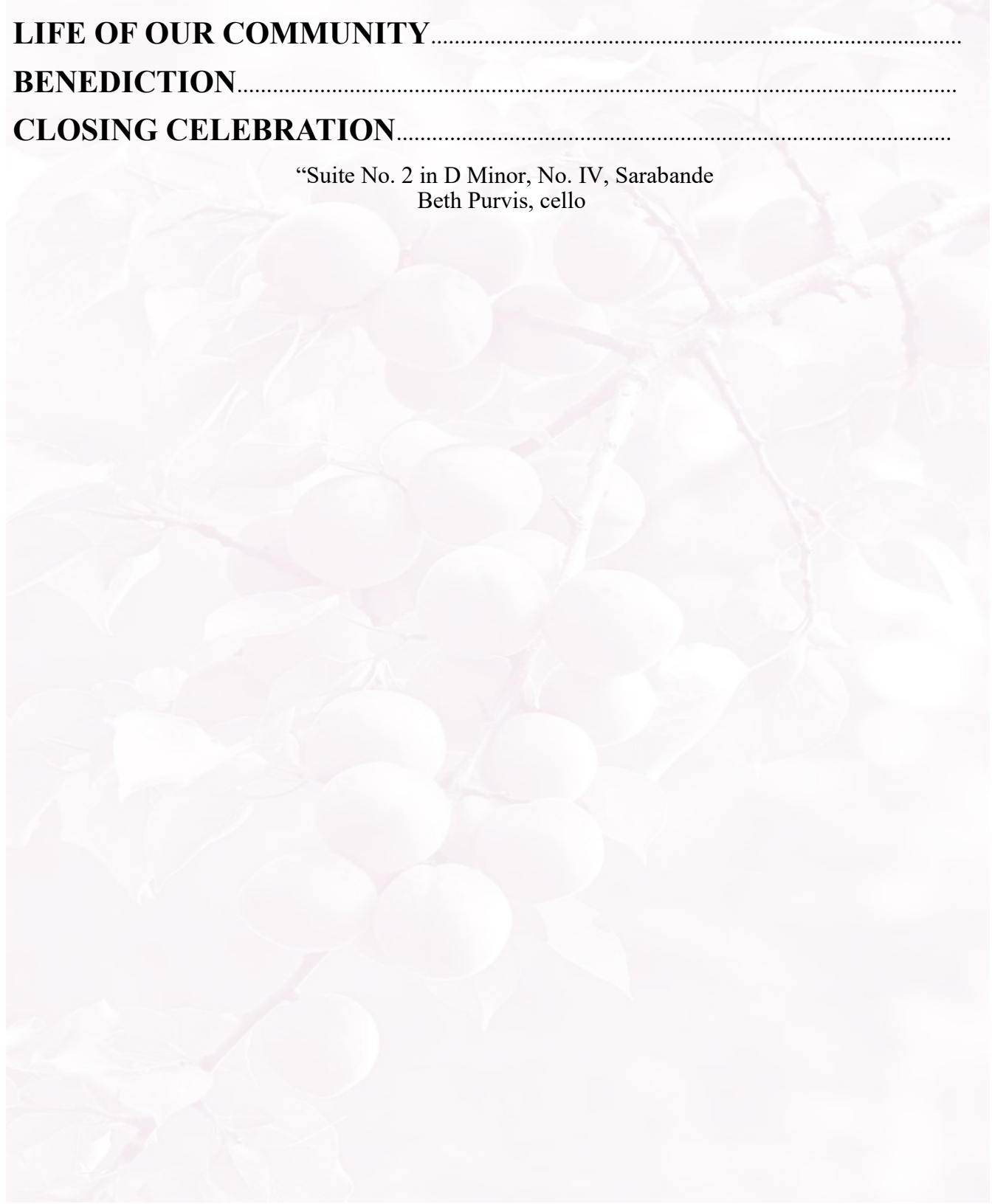
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY.....

BENEDICTION.....

CLOSING CELEBRATION.....

“Suite No. 2 in D Minor, No. IV, Sarabande
Beth Purvis, cello



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.

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

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