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**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
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*I sought God,  
and they  
answered me and  
delivered me from  
all my fears  
-Psalm 34-4*

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

***October 27, 2024***

# Worship Leader: Doug Longfield

## PRELUDE.....

“Saw You Never, In the Twilight,” arr. Larry Shackley

Dorenda Morse, piano

## WELCOME.....

**HYMN #482** I Will Lift The Cloud of Night 1,2,4

1 I will lift the cloud of night before you,  
what is wrong I'll make it right before you,  
all your battles I will fight before you,  
and the high place I'll bring down.

### **Refrain:**

When you walk and lose the way I'll lead you;  
on the produce of the land I'll feed you;  
And a home within my heart I'll deed you;  
and the high place I'll bring down.

2 With an everlasting love I'll love you,  
though with trials I will test and prove you,  
still there's nothing that can hurt or move you;  
and the high place I'll bring down. **[Refrain]**

4 I will lift the cloud of night before you,  
I will make the crooked straight before you,  
I will spread my wings protecting o'er you;  
and the high place I'll bring down. **[Refrain]**

## OPENING REFLECTION.....

Cello Suite No. 3 in G major, Bourrée 1 and 2 - J.S. Bach

Nathan Lupinetti, Double Bass

## JOYS AND CONCERNS.....

**PRAYER**.....

**SCRIPTURE**.....Doug Longfield

**Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)**

- 1 I will bless God at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul makes its boast in God; let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 O magnify God with me, and let us exalt God's name together.
- 4 I sought God, and they answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Look to God, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- 6 This poor soul cried and was heard by God and was saved from every trouble.
- 7 The angel of God encamps around those who are in awe of God and God delivers them.
- 8 O taste and see that God is good; happy are those who take refuge in them.
- 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but God rescues them from them all.
- 20 God keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.
- 21 Evil brings death to the wicked, and the haters of justice will be condemned.
- 22 God redeems the life of God's servants; none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned.

**Jeremiah 31:7-9**

- 7 For thus says our God: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O God, your people, the remnant of Israel."
- 8 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return

here. **9** With weeping they shall come, and with consolations, I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father and mother to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

## **Español**

### **Salmo 34:1-8, (19-22)**

**1** Bendeciré a Dios en todo tiempo; la alabanza de Dios estará continuamente en mi boca.

**2** En Dios se gloria mi alma; oigan y alégrese los humildes.

**3** Engrandeced a Dios conmigo, y exaltemos juntos el nombre de Dios.

**4** Busqué a Dios, y me respondió y me libró de todos mis temores.

**5** Miren a Dios, y estén radiantes, para que sus rostros nunca se avergüencen.

**6** Esta pobre alma clamó y fue escuchada por Dios y se salvó de toda angustia.

**7** El ángel de Dios acampa alrededor de los que están en temor de Dios y Dios los libra.

**8** Gustad y ved que Dios es bueno; dichosos los que se refugian en él.

**19** Muchas son las aflicciones de los justos, pero Dios los rescata de todas ellas.

**20** Dios guarda todos sus huesos; ni uno de ellos se quebrará.

**21** El mal trae la muerte a los impíos, y los que odian la justicia serán condenados.

**22** Dios redime la vida de sus siervos; ninguno de los que se refugian en Dios será condenado.

### **Jeremías 31:7-9**

**7** Porque así dice nuestro Dios: Cantad con júbilo por Jacob, y alzad gritos por el jefe de las naciones; proclamad, alabad y decid: «Salva, oh Dios, a tu pueblo, el resto de Israel.» **8** Veis, voy a traerlos de la tierra del norte y a reunirlos de las partes más lejanas de la tierra, entre ellos a los ciegos y a los cojos, a los que están encinta y a los que están de parto juntos; una gran compañía, ellos volverán aquí. **9** Con llanto vendrán, y con consuelos los haré volver; los haré caminar junto a arroyos de aguas, por senda recta donde

no tropezarán, porque me he hecho padre y madre de Israel, y Efraín es mi primogénito.

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**A TIME FOR ALL AGES**.....

**HYMN #472 Precious Lord, Take My Hand 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 precious 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

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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,  
For yours is the Kin(g)dom and the  
Power and the glory,  
Now and forever, Amen.

## **SHARING OUR GIFTS**.....

## **OFFERTORY**.....

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God," by Robert Jackson, Tune: TRENTHAM, arr. By  
Mark Hayes Dorenda Morse, piano

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## **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 #476 My Life Flows On** (How Can I Keep from Sing-  
ing) 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 pathway smooths,  
Since first I learned to love it.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing;  
All things are mine since I am Christ's  
How can I keep from singing.

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

**BENEDICTION**.....

**CLOSING MUSIC**.....

“Erlkönig” (The Elf King) music by Franz Schubert, poem by Johann

Wolfgang Goethe

Dave McElhaney, baritone

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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