



CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

11/03/24

11:00am



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

November 03, 2024

Worship Leader: Judith Newby

PRELUDE.....

"Prairie Crocus," by Beverly McKiver
Dorenda Morse, piano

WELCOME.....

HYMN #299 For All The Saints 1-4

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might;
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,
live as the saints who nobly fought of old.
and share with them a glorious crown of gold.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

OPENING REFLECTION.....

"Someone to Watch Over Me," by George and Ira Gershwin

Dorenda Morse, piano

JOYS AND CONCERNS.....

PRAYER.....

SCRIPTURE..... Judith Newby

Revelation 21:1-6, New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2** And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” **6** Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Español

Apocalipsis 21:1-6

21 Y vi un cielo nuevo y una tierra nueva, porque el primer cielo y la primera tierra pasaron, y el mar ya no existe. **2** Y vi la ciudad santa, la nueva

Jerusalén, que descendía del cielo, de Dios, preparada como una novia ataviada para su esposo. **3** Entonces oí una gran voz que decía desde el trono: He aquí, el tabernáculo de Dios está entre los hombres, y Él habitará entre ellos y ellos serán su pueblo, y Dios mismo estará entre ellos. **4** Él enjugará toda lágrima de sus ojos, y ya no habrá muerte, ni habrá más duelo, ni clamor, ni dolor, porque las primeras cosas han pasado. **5** Y el que está sentado en el trono dijo: He aquí, yo hago nuevas todas las cosas. Y añadió*: Escribe, porque estas palabras son fieles y verdaderas. **6** También me dijo: Hecho está. Yo soy el Alfa y la Omega, el principio y el fin. Al que tiene sed, yo le daré gratuitamente de la fuente del agua de la vida.

A TIME FOR ALL AGES.....

HYMN #451 Be Now My Vision 1,2,3

1 Be now my vision O God of my heart;
Nothing surpasses the love you impart—
You my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

2 Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
Ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
Now and forever your child I will be.

3 Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,
You, my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only are first in my heart,
Great God, my treasure, may we never part.

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.....

“I Will Arise” - traditional, arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Chancel Choir

*I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms,
In the arms of my dear Savior
Oh! There are ten thousand charms.*

*Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love
Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.*

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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.....

COMMUNION HYMN #331 Come My Way, My Truth, My Life 1,2,3

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

such a way as gives us breath;

Such a truth as ends all strife;

such a life as conquers death.

2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

such a light as shows a feast;

Such a feast as mends in length;

such a strength as makes a guest.

3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

such a joy as none can move;

Such a love as none can part;

such a heart as joys in love.

COMMUNION.....

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY.....

BENEDICTION.....

CLOSING REFLECTION.....

"We Bow Down," by Twila Paris, arr. By Joel Raney

Dorenda Morse, piano

PRAYER REQUEST

Please Pray for Sid for patience, for growing to an adult requested by Pam.

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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