



CHURCH OF THE  
**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

11/24/24

11:00am



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

***November 24, 2024***

**Worship Leader: Judith Newby**

**PRELUDE**.....

"Grateful," by Hayes  
Dorenda Morse, piano

**WELCOME**.....

**HYMN #421 We Gather Together**

**1** We gather together  
to ask the Lord's blessing,  
to live in community,  
seeking God's will.

We come now, as sisters  
and brother, confessing  
the sins that divide  
and the wrong in us still.

**2** Beside us, forgiving  
enabling, sustaining,  
you call us, O Savior,  
to life that is new.  
You draw us away  
from self-centered complaining.  
You lead us and guide us  
in ways that are true.

**3** All praise to the Spirit,  
provider, defender.  
You offer us freedom,  
to follow or stray,  
Empowering all by  
the hope you engender.  
Grant wisdom and courage

to follow your way.

**OPENING REFLECTION**.....

"My Lord, What a Morning," African American spiritual, arr. Bert  
Carlson  
Dorenda Morse, piano

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**.....

**PRAYER**.....

**SCRIPTURE**..... **Judith Newby**

**Genesis 9:8-17**

**New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition**

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all creatures be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” 12 God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” 17 God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all creatures on the earth.”

**Español**

**Génesis 9:8-17**

**Reina-Valera 1960**

8 Y habló Dios a Noé y a sus hijos con él, diciendo: 9 He aquí que yo establezco mi pacto con vosotros, y con vuestros descendientes después de vo

sotros; 10 y con todo ser viviente que está con vosotros; aves, animales y toda bestia de la tierra que está con vosotros, desde todos los que salieron del arca hasta todo animal de la tierra. 11 Estableceré mi pacto con vosotros, y no exterminaré ya más toda carne con aguas de diluvio, ni habrá más diluvio para destruir la tierra. 12 Y dijo Dios: Esta es la señal del pacto que yo establezco entre mí y vosotros y todo ser viviente que está con vosotros, por siglos perpetuos: 13 Mi arco he puesto en las nubes, el cual será por señal del pacto entre mí y la tierra. 14 Y sucederá que cuando haga venir nubes sobre la tierra, se dejará ver entonces mi arco en las nubes. 15 Y me acordaré del pacto mío, que hay entre mí y vosotros y todo ser viviente de toda carne; y no habrá más diluvio de aguas para destruir toda carne. 16 Estará el arco en las nubes, y lo veré, y me acordaré del pacto perpetuo entre Dios y todo ser viviente, con toda carne que hay sobre la tierra. 17 Dijo, pues, Dios a Noé: Esta es la señal del pacto que he establecido entre mí y toda carne que está sobre la tierra.

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

**HYMN #419** Now Thank We All Our God 1,1,3

### **Choir:**

1 Nun danket alle Gott,  
mit Herzen, Mund und Händen,  
der grosse Dinge tut an uns  
und allen Enden;  
der uns von Mutterleib  
und Kindesbeinen an  
unzähling viel zu gut  
bis hierher hat getan.

### **Choir and Congregation:**

1 Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices,  
Who, from our parents' arms,

has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

**3** All praise and thanks to God  
our Maker now be given,  
To Christ, and Spirit, too,  
our help in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore.  
For thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

**SERMON**.....**John Maddaus**

**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.

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG**

**May the Circle Be Re-woven**  
**Original “Will the Circle Be Unbroken”, by Ada R. Habershon, 1907**  
Adapted by Duane Ediger, Carol Rose, and Kryss Chupp

**Verse 1:**

The sacred circle, it was broken,  
Corporate greed destroyed our way.

It is time to take our place now,  
Standing up for the Earth today.

**Chorus:**

May the circle be re-woven  
With a life-sustaining chord.  
Right relations with all creation,  
And our Mother Earth restored.

**Verse 2:**

There is one drum, and one circle,  
And one prayer that calls us home.  
Born of one Earth, under one Sky  
Bound together, we're not alone.

**Repeat Chorus**

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

**OFFERTORY**.....

“Hearth and Home” by Jason Krug  
Joyful Noise Bell Choir; Michelle Sault, 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 #422** Come, O Thankful People, Come

**1** Come, O thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in  
as the winter storms begin;  
God our Maker doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.

**2** All the blessings of the field,  
all the stores the gardens yield,  
all the fruits in full supply  
ripened 'neath the summer sky,  
All that spring with bounteous hand  
scatters o'er the smiling land,  
all that liberal autumn pours  
from its rich o'erflowing stores.

**3** These to you, our God, we owe,  
source from whom all blessing flow;  
and for these our songs we raise,  
grateful vows and solemn praise.  
Come, then, thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.

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

**BENEDICTION**.....

**CLOSING REFLECTION**.....

"Be Thou My Vision," Traditional Irish Melody, arr. Heather  
Sorenson Dorenda Morse, piano

### **Prayer Request:**

Please Pray for Gail (my mother-in-law) for healing. Requested by Joanna

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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