



CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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11:00am



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

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PRELUDE.....

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Dick Goins, organ; Dorenda Morse, piano

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WELCOME.....

HYMN #531 God, Speak to Me That I May Speak 1, 2,4

1 God, speak to me, that I may speak

in living echoes of your tone;

as you have sought, so let me seek

your erring children lost and lone.

2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead

some wanderers along life's way;

O feed me so that I may feed

your hungering ones without delay.

4 O use me, God, use even me

just as you will, and when, and where,

until your blessed face I see,

your rest, your joy, your glory share.

OPENING REFLECTION.....

“Morning Song” by Matthew Prins

Joyful Noise Bell Choir

JOYS AND CONCERNS.....

PRAYER.....

SCRIPTURE.....

John Cox

Jeremiah 1:4-10

4 Now the word of the God came to me saying,

5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

6 Then I said, “Ah, God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.”

7 But God said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

8 Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says God.”

9 Then God put out God's hand and touched my mouth, and God said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

Jeremías 1:4-10

4 Vino a mí palabra de Dios, diciendo:

5 “Antes que te formase en el vientre te conocí, y antes que nacieras te consagré;
Te nombré profeta para las naciones”.

6 Entonces dije: “¡Ah, Dios! En verdad, no sé hablar, porque soy sólo un niño”. 7 Pero Dios me dijo:

“No digas: “Soy sólo un niño”, porque irás a todos aquellos a quienes yo te envíe, y hablarás todo lo que yo te ordene.

8 No temáis de ellos, porque yo estoy contigo para librarte, dice Dios”.

9 Entonces el Señor extendió su mano y tocó mi boca, y Dios me dijo:
“Ahora he puesto mis palabras en tu boca.

10 Mira, hoy te pongo sobre naciones y sobre reinos, para arrancar y derribar, para destruir y derribar, para edificar y plantar”.

Luke 4:21-30

21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" 23 He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" 24 And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. 25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, 26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. 27 There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." 28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. 30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Lucas 4:21-30

21 Entonces comenzó a decirles: Hoy se ha cumplido esta Escritura que habéis oído. 22 Todos hablaban bien de él y estaban asombrados de las bondadosas palabras que salían de su boca. Dijeron: "¿No es éste el hijo de José?" 23 Él les dijo: "Sin duda me citaréis este proverbio: '¡Doctor, cúrate!' y dirás: 'Haz también aquí en tu ciudad lo que hemos oído que hiciste en Capernaum'. Él dijo: "En verdad os digo que ningún profeta es aceptado en su ciudad. 25 Pero la verdad es que había muchas viudas en Israel en el tiempo de Elías, cuando el cielo se cerró por tres años y seis meses y hubo una gran hambre en toda la tierra, 26 y a ninguna de ellas fue enviado Elías, excepto a una viuda en Sarepta de Sidón. 27 También había muchos enfermos de piel en Israel en tiempos del profeta Eliseo, y ninguno de ellos fue limpio excepto Naamán el sirio. 28 Al oír esto, todos en la sinagoga se llenaron de ira. 29 Se levantaron, lo expulsaron de la ciudad y lo

llevaron a la cima de la colina sobre la cual estaba construida su ciudad, para arrojarlo por el acantilado. 30 Pero él pasó por en medio de ellos y siguió su camino.

A TIME FOR ALL AGES.....

HYMN #448 Take My Life, God, Let It Be 1-4

1 Take my life, God, let it be
consecrated faithfully.

Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my spirit, let it move
at the impulse of your love.

Take my intellect and use
all its powers as you choose.

3 Take my will; your will be done!
Make your will and mine be one.

Take my heart, and by your grace
make of it your dwelling place.

4 Take my love and help it grow;
let my loving overflow.

Take me now, and help me be
part of Christ's community.

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.....

**“Safe Within His Arms” - by Mark Hayes
Mathena Page, solo; Dorenda Morse, 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.....

COMMUNION HYMN #342 Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

1 Be known to us in breaking bread,

but do not then depart;

O Savior, stay with us and spread

your table in our heart.

2 Here share with us in love divine,
your body and your blood;
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.

COMMUNION.....

**"The Lord Is My Shepherd," Traditional, arr. By Derek Jones
Dorenda Morse, piano**

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY.....

BENEDICTION.....

CLOSING REFLECTION.....

**"Every Time I Feel the Spirit," African American Spiritual, arr. by
Mary McDonald
Dorenda Morse, piano**

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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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