



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.....

"Good Morning," by Nacio Herb Brown and Arthur Field . Dorenda Morse, piano

WELCOME.....

HYMN ##170 "Your Ways Are Not Our Own" 1-4

1 Your ways are not our own,
O gracious God most high,
Yet we would follow in your paths
And on your love rely.

2 Christ teaches us to bless
The ones who curse and harm,
To turn the other cheek when struck
Attackers to disarm.

3 Yet, we cannot excuse
Abuse in any form,
For all are children of your care
And love must be our norm.

4 How shall we show your love,
Your pardon to believe?
You bid us share as we are blessed
and give as we receive.

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OPENING REFLECTION.....

"Trust and Obey," by Daniel B. Towner, arr. By Pamela M. Robertson

JOYS AND CONCERNS.....

PRAYER.....

SCRIPTURE.....

John Cox

Psalm 1

The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked

1 Blessed is the man[a]
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

- 2 but his delight is in the law[b] of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Luke 6:17-26

Jesus Ministers to a Great Multitude

17 And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, 18 who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

The Beatitudes

20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:
“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
21 “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.
“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.
22 “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you
and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and
leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the
prophets.

Jesus Pronounces Woes

24 “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
25 “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.
“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.
26 “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false
prophets.

Salmos I

El justo y los pecadores

- 1** Bienaventurado el varón que no anduvo en consejo de malos,
Ni estuvo en camino de pecadores,
Ni en silla de escarnecedores se ha sentado;
2 Sino que en la ley de Jehová está su delicia,
Y en su ley medita de día y de noche.
3 Será como árbol plantado junto a corrientes de aguas,
Que da su fruto en su tiempo,
Y su hoja no cae;
Y todo lo que hace, prosperará.
4 No así los malos,
Que son como el tamo que arrebatara el viento.
5 Por tanto, no se levantarán los malos en el juicio,
Ni los pecadores en la congregación de los justos.
6 Porque Jehová conoce el camino de los justos;
Mas la senda de los malos perecerá.

Lucas 6:17-26

Jesús atiende a una multitud

17 Jesús descendió con ellos y se detuvo en un llano, en compañía de sus discípulos y de una gran multitud de toda Judea, de Jerusalén y de la costa de Tiro y Sidón. Habían venido a escucharlo y a ser sanados de sus enfermedades. **18** También eran sanados los que eran atormentados por espíritus impuros. **19** Toda la gente procuraba tocarlo, porque de él salía un poder que sanaba a todos.

Bienaventuranzas y ayes

20 Jesús miró a sus discípulos y les dijo: «Bienaventurados ustedes los pobres, porque el reino de Dios les pertenece.

21 »Bienaventurados ustedes los que ahora tienen hambre, porque serán saciados. Bienaventurados ustedes los que ahora lloran, porque reirán.

22 »Bienaventurados serán ustedes cuando, por causa del Hijo del Hombre, la gente los odie, los segregue, los vitupere, y menosprecie su nombre como algo malo. **23** Cuando llegue ese día, alégrese y llénense de gozo, porque grande será el galardón que recibirán en los cielos. ¡Eso mismo hicieron con los profetas los antepasados de esta gente!

24 »Pero ¡ay de ustedes los ricos!, porque ya han recibido su consuelo.

25 »¡Ay de ustedes, los que ahora están satisfechos!, porque habrán de pasar hambre.

»¡Ay de ustedes, los que ahora ríen!, porque habrán de llorar y de lamentarse.

26 »¡Ay de ustedes, cuando todos los alaben!, porque lo mismo hacían con los falsos profetas los antepasados de esta gente.

A TIME FOR ALL AGES.....

HYMN ##396 Where Charity and Love Prevail 1,2,3

Where charity and love prevail
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love,
By love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear
True charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength
Now love Christ in return.

Forgive we now each other’s faults
As we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.

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SERMON.....Rev. Anna Taylor Sweringen

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.....

“Come By Here” by Kyle Pederson. Chancel Choir

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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.....

CLOSING HYMN #181 “You Are Salt for the Earth, O People” 1-4

1 You are salt for the earth, O people:

Salt for the reign of God!

Share the flavor of life, O people:

Life in the City of God!

[Refrain]

Bring forth the reign of mercy,

Bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of justice,

Bring forth the city of God.

2 You are a light on the hill, O people:

Light for the City of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:

Shine for the City of God! **[Refrain]**

3 You are a seed of the Word, O people:

Bring forth the reign of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice

Grow in the City of God! **[Refrain]**

4 We are a blessed and a pilgrim people:

Bound for the reign of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the City of God! **[Refrain]**

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LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY.....

BENEDICTION.....

CLOSING REFLECTION.....

**"Do, Lord, Remember Me" Traditional Spiritual, arr. By Jason W. Krug
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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