



CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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A black and white photograph of a person standing in shallow water, casting a large fishing net. The net is suspended in the air, creating a wide, curved shape. The person is seen from the back, with their arms extended. The water is calm, and the background is a bright, hazy sky.

Luke 5:4

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,
**Put out into deep water, and
let down the nets for a catch.**

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

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PRELUDE.....

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” Piano Duet, Dorenda Morse and Linda Gilmour
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/5xc7ggob5knxkhmlkin73/My-Shepherd-Will-Supply-My-Need-duet-3.mov?rlkey=6bo4f9bqwx7f0jwgbwpkqbq&st=tit0mt50&dl=0>

WELCOME.....

HYMN ##173 You Have Come down to the Lakeshore

1 You __ have come down to the lakeshore
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy
But only asking __ for me to follow.

[Refrain]

**O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes
Kindly smiling, you’ve called out my name.
On the sand I __ have abandoned my small boat;
Now with you __ I will seek other seas.**

2 You __ know full well my possessions.
Neither treasure __ nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets __ and will for working. **[Refrain]**

3 You __ need my hands, my exhaustion,
Working love for the rest of the weary
A love that’s willing __ to go on loving. **[Refrain]**

Spanish language option:

1 Tú has venido a la orilla,
no has buscado ni a sabios ni a ricos;
tan sólo quieres que yo te siga.
[Refrain]

Señor, me has mirado a los ojos,
sonriendo has dicho mi nombre,
en la arena he dejado mi barca,
junto a ti buscaré otro mar.

2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo;
en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas,
Tan sólo redes y mi trabajo. **[Refrain]**

3. Tú necesitas mis manos,
mi cansancio que a otros descance,
Amor que quiera seguir amando. **[Refrain]**

OPENING REFLECTION.....

"In This Very Room," by Ron Harris, arr. By Mark Hayes Dorenda Morse, piano

JOYS AND CONCERNS.....

PRAYER.....

SCRIPTURE..... **John Cox**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

15:1 Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, **15:2** through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you-- unless you have come to believe in vain. **15:3** For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures **15:4** and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures **15:5** and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. **15:6** Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. **15:7** Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. **15:8** Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. **15:10** But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. **15:11** Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

Luke 5:1-11

5:1 Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, **5:2** he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. **5:3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. **5:4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." **5:5** Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." **5:6** When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. **5:7** So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. **5:8** But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" **5:9** For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, **5:10** and so

also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who are partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." **5:11** When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

1 Corintios 15:1-11

15:1 Quiero, hermanos, que sepáis el evangelio que os prediqué, el cual recibisteis y en el cual también estáis firmes; **15:2** por el cual también sois salvos, si retenéis el mensaje que os prediqué, a no ser que hayáis creído en vano. **15:3** Porque yo os transmití en primer lugar lo que yo también recibí: que Cristo murió por nuestros pecados, conforme a las Escrituras. **15:4** y que fue sepultado, y que resucitó al tercer día, conforme a las Escrituras. **15:5** y que se apareció a Cefas, y después a los doce. **15:6** Después se apareció a más de quinientos hermanos a la vez, de los cuales muchos viven todavía, aunque algunos han muerto. **15:7** Luego se apareció a Jacobo, después a todos los apóstoles. **15:8** Y al último de todos, como a un abortivo, se me apareció a mí. **15:9** Porque yo soy el más pequeño de los apóstoles, no digno de ser llamado apóstol, porque perseguí a la iglesia de Dios. **15:10** Pero por la gracia de Dios soy lo que soy, y su gracia para conmigo no ha sido en vano. Al contrario, he trabajado más que todos ellos, aunque no yo, sino la gracia de Dios conmigo. **15:11** Sea yo o sean ellos, así predicamos, y así habéis creído.

Lucas 5:1-11

5:1 Estaba Jesús de pie junto al lago de Genesaret, y la multitud se agolpaba sobre él para oír la palabra de Dios. **5:2** Vio dos barcas a la orilla del lago; **5:3** Subió a una de las barcas, la de Simón, y le pidió que la apartara un poco de la orilla. Luego se sentó y enseñaba desde la barca a la multitud. **5:4** Cuando terminó de hablar, dijo a Simón: «Rema mar adentro y echad las redes para pescar». **5:5** Simón le respondió: «Maestro, hemos estado trabajando toda la noche y no hemos pescado nada. Si tú lo dices, echaré las redes». **5:6** Lo hicieron y pescaron tantos peces que las redes se rompían. **5:7** Entonces hicieron señas a los compañeros de la otra barca para que vinieran a ayudarlos. Y vinieron y llenaron las dos barcas, de tal manera que se hundían. **5:8** Al ver esto, Simón Pedro se arrodilló ante Jesús y le dijo: «¡Apártate de mí, Señor, que soy un hombre pecador!» **5:9** Por la pesca que habían hecho, él y todos los que estaban con él estaban asombrados. **5:10** Lo mismo que Jacobo y Juan, hijos de Zebedeo, compañeros de Simón. Entonces Jesús le dijo a Simón: «No temas; desde ahora serás pescador de hombres». **5:11** Cuando trajeron las barcas a tierra, lo dejaron todo y lo siguieron. 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 #504 You Walk Along Our Shoreline 1,2,3

1 You Walk Along our shoreline
Where land meets unknown sea.
You walk along our shoreline
We hear your voice of power,
“Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow
Through storm and wave and shoal,
Then I will make you fishers,
But of the human soul.”

2 You call us, Christ, to gather
The people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only
Those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel
Across the water’s face,
Our boat a common shelter
For all found by your grace.

3 We cast our net, O Jesus;
We seek your promised reign;
We work for love and justice;
We learn to hope through pain.
You call on us to gather
God’s daughters and God’s sons,
To let your judgement heal us
So that all may be one.

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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,
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.....

“No Time” - Traditional Camp song arr. Brumfield Chancel Choir

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 #547 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost,
but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 My God has promised good to me,
whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be

as long as life endures.

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY.....

BENEDICTION.....

CLOSING REFLECTION.....

**"O Worship the King," based on LYONS, attr. to Johann M. Haydn, arr. By Lloyd Larson
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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