



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

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

**April 13, 2025**

**Bulletin Art: "I Believe" by Steve Prince. Inspired by Luke 19:29-40. Pen and ink on paper**

It is said that the true confession that flows from one's heart and lips and professes they desire to be healed is essentially the key to unlocking one's salvation. Amid a sometimes turbulent and chaotic world, if we enter with faith and Christ in our hearts we shall be delivered. The figure's hands are lifted in praise as he navigates the flood of life which can be overbearing. He recognizes that the flood of life is symbolic of separation from God. He closes his eyes, humbles himself before God, and he is delivered into a new chapter of his life, triumphant. —**Steve Prince**

**Prompts for contemplation**

- Look closely at the waves. What does the flood of life represent for you?
- Notice the contrast between the house on one side and the man on the other. What emotions or thoughts do these images evoke?
- How does the image of Jesus on a donkey influence your understanding of this scene? What do you make of its placement in this work?
- Notice the abstract shaded area at the top. Does it feel like a cloud, storm, or something else? Does this texture remind you of God's presence?

**Palm Sunday**

**Worship Leader:** Dorenda Morse

**PRELUDE**.....

**"All Glory, Laud and Honor," Tune: ST. THEOLULPH (Melchior Teschner), arr. By Lloyd Larson. Dorenda Morse, piano**

**WELCOME**.....

**HYMN #216 All Glory Laud and Honor**

**1** All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.  
The people of the Hebrews  
With palms adorned your way;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
We offer you this day.

**2** O Promised One of Israel,  
Of David's royal line,  
The one called "God's beloved"  
Of flesh and yet divine,  
To you, before your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To you, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.

**3** As you received their praises,  
Receive our prayers today,  
Whose justice and whose mercy  
And sovereignty hold sway.  
All glory, laud and honor  
To you, O Christ, we sing.  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring!

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## **OPENING REFLECTION**.....

**"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," by John Zundel, Tune: BEECHER, arr. By Larry Shackley  
Dorenda Morse, piano**

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

## **PRAYER**.....

**SCRIPTURE**.....Dorenda Morse

### **Luke 19:29-48**

29 When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" 32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 They said, "The Lord needs it." 35 Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37 Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38 saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

41 As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, 42 saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 Indeed, the days will come upon you when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you and hem you in on every side. 44 They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”

45 Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there, 46 and he said, “It is written,

‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’  
but you have made it a den of robbers.”

47 Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him, 48 but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

### **Lucas 19:29-48 - La Palabra (Hispanoamérica)**

29 Cuando ya estaba cerca de Betfagé y de Betania, al pie del monte de los Olivos, envió a dos de sus discípulos 30 con este encargo: Vayan a la aldea que está ahí enfrente. En cuanto entren en ella encontrarán un pollino atado, sobre el que nunca ha montado nadie. Desátenlo y tráiganmelo. 31 Y si alguien les pregunta por qué lo desatan, díganle que el Señor lo necesita. 32 Fueron los que habían sido enviados y lo encontraron todo como Jesús les había dicho. 33 Mientras desataban el pollino, los dueños les preguntaron: ¿Por qué desatan al pollino?

34 Ellos contestaron:

El Señor lo necesita.

35 Trajeron el pollino adonde estaba Jesús, pusieron sus mantos encima del pollino e hicieron que Jesús montara sobre él. 36 Y mientras él avanzaba, tendían mantos por el camino. 37 Cuando ya se acercaba a la bajada del monte de los Olivos, los discípulos de Jesús, que eran muchos, se pusieron a alabar a Dios llenos de alegría por todos los milagros que habían visto. A grandes voces 38 decían:

¡Bendito el Rey que viene en el nombre del Señor! ¡Paz en el cielo y gloria al Dios Altísimo!

39 Algunos fariseos que estaban entre la gente dijeron a Jesús: ¡Maestro, reprende a tus discípulos!

40 Jesús contestó:



Les digo a ustedes que si estos se callan, gritarán las piedras.

Llanto sobre la ciudad santa

41 Cuando Jesús llegó cerca de Jerusalén, al ver la ciudad, lloró a causa de ella 42 y dijo: ¡Si al menos en este día supieras cómo encontrar lo que conduce a la paz! Pero eso está ahora fuera de tu alcance. 43 Días vendrán en que tus enemigos te rodearán de trincheras, te pondrán sitio, te atacarán por todas partes 44 y te destruirán junto con todos tus habitantes. No dejarán de ti piedra sobre piedra, porque no supiste reconocer el momento en que Dios quiso salvarte.

45 Después de esto, Jesús entró en el Templo y se puso a expulsar a los que estaban vendiendo en él, 46 diciéndoles:

Esto dicen las Escrituras: Mi casa ha de ser casa de oración; pero ustedes la han convertido en una cueva de ladrones.

47 Y Jesús enseñaba en el Templo todos los días. Mientras tanto, los jefes de los sacerdotes, los maestros de la ley y los principales del pueblo andaban buscando cómo matarlo; 48 pero no encontraban la manera de hacerlo, porque todo el pueblo estaba pendiente de su palabra.

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

### **HYMN #213 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

**1** "Hosanna, loud hosanna,"  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the lovely anthem rang;  
To Jesus, who had blessed them  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.

**2** From Olivet they followed  
amid a cheering crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud.  
The one whom angels worship  
rode on in lowly state,  
and glad to see the children,  
slowed down the donkey's gait.

**3** "Hosanna in the highest!"

That ancient song is ours,  
We hail our great Redeemer  
and sing with all our powers;  
"Hosanna, Christ, we praise you  
with heart and life and voice.  
Hosanna! In your presence  
forever we'll rejoice!"

**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**.....

**“Festival Sanctus” by John Leavitt. 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**.....

# COMMUNION HYMN #223 "What Wondrous Love Is This" 1,2,3

**1** What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this!  
that Christ should come in bliss  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

**2** To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

**3** And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!

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

**BENEDICTION**.....

**CLOSING REFLECTION**.....

**"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said," Tune: DISTRESS, arr. By Larry Shackley  
Dorenda Morse, piano**

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## **Prayer Request:**

**Please pray for Amy for comfort and guidance. Requested by Amy.**

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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