



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.

June 15, 2025

Worship Leader: Axel Catterall

PRELUDE.....

“When Peace Like a River/The Water is Wide” arr. by Rachel Trelstad Porter
Carol Red, piano

WELCOME.....

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

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.

3 O fill me with your fullness, God,
your overflowing love to know;
In glowing word and kindling thought,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

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.....

“Bach Cello Suite #1 BWV #1007
4. Sarabande
Nathan Lupinetti, Double Bass

PRAYER.....

SCRIPTURE.....Axel Catterall

Acts 27:27-28:11

27-29 On the fourteenth night, adrift somewhere on the Adriatic Sea, at about midnight the sailors sensed that we were approaching land. Sounding, they measured a depth of 120 feet, and shortly after that ninety feet. Afraid that we were about to run aground, they threw out four anchors and prayed for daylight.

30-32 Some of the sailors tried to jump ship. They let down the lifeboat, pretending they

were going to set out more anchors from the bow. Paul saw through their guise and told the centurion and his soldiers, “If these sailors don’t stay with the ship, we’re all going down.” So the soldiers cut the lines to the lifeboat and let it drift off.

33-34 With dawn about to break, Paul called everyone together and proposed breakfast: “This is the fourteenth day we’ve gone without food. None of us has felt like eating! But I urge you to eat something now. You’ll need strength for the rescue ahead. You’re going to come out of this without even a scratch!”

35-38 He broke the bread, gave thanks to God, passed it around, and they all ate heartily—276 of us, all told! With the meal finished and everyone full, the ship was further lightened by dumping the grain overboard.

39-41 At daybreak, no one recognized the land—but then they did notice a bay with a nice beach. They decided to try to run the ship up on the beach. They cut the anchors, loosed the tiller, raised the sail, and ran before the wind toward the beach. But we didn’t make it. Still far from shore, we hit a reef and the ship began to break up.

42-44 The soldiers decided to kill the prisoners so none could escape by swimming, but the centurion, determined to save Paul, stopped them. He gave orders for anyone who could swim to dive in and go for it, and for the rest to grab a plank. Everyone made it to shore safely.

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28 1-2 Once everyone was accounted for and we realized we had all made it, we learned that we were on the island of Malta. The natives went out of their way to be friendly to us. The day was rainy and cold and we were already soaked to the bone, but they built a huge bonfire and gathered us around it.

3-6 Paul pitched in and helped. He had gathered up a bundle of sticks, but when he put it on the fire, a venomous snake, roused from its sleepiness by the heat, struck his hand and held on. Seeing the snake hanging from Paul’s hand like that, the natives jumped to the conclusion that he was a murderer getting what he deserved. Paul shook the snake off into the fire like it was nothing. They kept expecting him to drop dead, but when it was obvious he wasn’t going to, they jumped to the conclusion that he was a god!

7-9 The head man in that part of the island was Publius. He took us into his home as his guests, drying us out and putting us up in fine style for the next three days. Publius’s father was sick at the time, down with a high fever and dysentery. Paul went to the old man’s room, and when he laid hands on him and prayed, the man was healed. Word of the healing got around fast, and soon everyone on the island who was sick came and got healed.

10-11 We spent a wonderful three months on Malta. They treated us royally, took care of all our needs and outfitted us for the rest of the journey. When an Egyptian ship that

had wintered there in the harbor prepared to leave for Italy, we got on board. The ship had a carved Gemini for its figurehead: “the Heavenly Twins.”

Hechos 27:27-28:10

27 A eso de la media noche del día en que se cumplían las dos semanas de navegar a la deriva por el Adriático, los marineros barruntaron que nos aproximábamos a tierra. 28 Lanzaron entonces la sonda, y hallaron que había veinte brazas de fondo; poco después volvieron a lanzarla, y había quince brazas. 29 Por temor a que pudiéramos encallar en algún arrecife, largaron cuatro anclas por la popa, mientras esperaban con ansia que llegara el amanecer. 30 La tripulación intentó abandonar el barco, y arriaron el bote salvavidas con el pretexto de largar algunas anclas por la proa. 31 Pero Pablo dijo al oficial y a los soldados: — Si estos no permanecen a bordo, ustedes no podrán salvarse.

32 Entonces, los soldados cortaron los cabos del bote y lo dejaron perderse. 33 En tanto amanecía, rogó Pablo a todos que tomaran algún alimento:— Hoy hace catorce días — les dijo— que estan en espera angustiosa y en ayunas, sin haber probado bocado. 34 Les aconsejo, pues, que coman algo, que les vendrá bien para su salud; por lo demás, ni un cabello de la cabeza se perderá.

35 Dicho esto, Pablo tomó un pan y después de dar gracias a Dios delante de todos, lo partió y se puso a comer. 36 Los demás se sintieron entonces más animados, y también tomaron alimento.

37 En el barco estábamos en total doscientas setenta y seis personas. 38 Una vez satisfechos, arrojaron el trigo al mar para aligerar la nave. **El naufragio**

39 Llegó el día, y los marineros no pudieron reconocer el lugar. Pero distinguieron una ensenada con su playa, y trataron de ver si era posible que la nave recalase allí. 40 Así pues, soltaron las anclas y las dejaron irse al fondo; aflojaron luego las amarras de los timones, izaron la vela de proa e, impulsados por el viento, se dirigieron a la playa. 41 Pero tocaron en un banco de arena entre dos corrientes y el barco encalló. La proa quedó clavada e inmóvil, en tanto que la popa era destrozada por los golpes del mar. 42 Entonces, los soldados resolvieron matar a los presos para evitar que alguno de ellos escapara a nado. 43 Pero el oficial, queriendo salvar la vida de Pablo, les impidió llevar a cabo su propósito. Ordenó que quienes supieran nadar saltaran los primeros por la borda y ganaran la orilla; 44 en cuanto a los demás, unos lo harían sobre tablones flotantes y otros sobre restos del buque. De esta forma todos logramos llegar a tierra sanos y salvos.

Pablo en la isla de Malta

28 Una vez a salvo, supimos que la isla se llamaba Malta. 2 Los isleños nos trataron con una solicitud poco común; y como llovía sin parar y hacía frío, encendieron una

hoguera y nos invitaron a todos a calentarnos. 3 Pablo había recogido también una brazada de leña; al arrojarla a la hoguera, una víbora, huyendo de las llamas, hizo presa en su mano. 4 Cuando los isleños vieron al reptil colgando de la mano de Pablo, se dijeron unos a otros:

— Este hombre es realmente un asesino; aunque se ha librado de la tempestad, la justicia divina no permite que viva.

5 Pablo, sin embargo, se sacudió el reptil arrojándolo al fuego y no experimentó daño alguno. 6 Esperaban los isleños que se hinchara o que cayera muerto de repente. Pero, después de un largo rato sin que nada le aconteciese, cambiaron de opinión y exclamaron: — ¡Es un dios!

7 Cerca de aquel lugar había una finca que pertenecía a Publio, el gobernador de la isla, quien se hizo cargo de nosotros y nos hospedó durante tres días. 8 Se daba la circunstancia de que el padre de Publio estaba en cama aquejado por unas fiebres y disentería. Pablo fue a visitarlo y, después de orar, le impuso las manos y lo curó. 9 A la vista de esto, acudieron también los demás enfermos de la isla, y Pablo los curó. 10 Fueron muchas las muestras de aprecio que nos dispensaron los isleños que, al hacernos de nuevo a la mar, nos suministraron todo lo necesario.

A TIME FOR ALL AGES.....

HYMN #284 Joys Are Flowing like a River (Blessed Quietness)

1 Joys are flowing like a river,
since the Comforter has come;
Christ abides with us forever,
makes the trusting heart a home.

Refrain:

Blessed quietness, holy quietness,
what assurance in my soul.
On the stormy sea, Jesus speaks to me,
and the billows cease to roll.

2 Bringing life and health and gladness
all around, this heavenly Guest
Banished unbelief and sadness,
changed our weariness to rest. **[Refrain]**

3 Like the rain that falls from heaven,
like the sunlight from the sky,
So the Spirit too is given,
coming on us from on high. **[Refrain]**

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.....

**"Bach Cello Suite #1 BWV #1007
5. Minuet I / II
Nathan Lupinetti, Double Bass**

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 #309 We Are Your People 1-4

1 We are your people, Spirit of grace;
you dare to make us to all our neighbors
Christ's living voice, hands, and face;
Christ's living voice, hands, and face.

2 Joined in community, treasured and fed,
may we discover gifts in each other,

willing to lead and be led;
willing to lead and be led.

3 Rich in diversity, help us to live
closer than neighbors, open to strangers,
able to clash and forgive;
able to clash and forgive.

4 Glad of tradition, help us to see
in all life's changing where you are leading,
where our best efforts should be;
where our best efforts should be.

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY.....

BENEDICTION.....

CLOSING REFLECTION.....

“Cantad al Señor” arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter
Carol Red, piano

Prayer Request

Pray for my son for peace requested by Dew

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Thank you for joining us in worship today

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 vibrant ministry in the community. Our church is a part of a blend of five major Protestant denominations that united together in 1957 to form the United Church of Christ: Congregational, Christian, Afro-Christian, German Evangelical and Reformed. We 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 say at our church that "God is still speaking!" "There is still more light and truth to break forth from God's holy word."

- We are a church that:
 - Centers our faith and practice in the life and ministry Jesus Christ.
 - Takes the Bible seriously, not literally.
 - Builds community partnerships across differences.
 - Worships God with joyful hearts and open minds.
 - Includes children in the life and ministry of the church.
 - Celebrates creativity and the arts.
 - Encounters Christ in Creation, community, sacraments, music, scripture, and service.
 - Listens and responds to the movement of the Holy Spirit.
 - Celebrates an open table and seeks to be inclusive of ALL people.
 - Seeks to live out our faith in the world as we build God's reign of love and justice on earth.
 - Believes that growth in wisdom and understanding happens at all stages of life.
 - Embraces solidarity, not just charity.
 - 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.

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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