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**"During the time of their dedication,
they are set apart to God."
-Numbers 6:8**

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

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PRELUDE.....

"O Jerusalem," by Janet Vogt. Dorenda Morse, piano

WELCOME.....

HYMN #4 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You 1,2,3

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
teach us what our praise should be.

3 You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother,
all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other,
by that love our joy renew.

OPENING REFLECTION.....

“America the Beautiful” Dorenda Morse, piano

JOYS AND CONCERNS.....

PRAYER.....

SCRIPTURE.....Joanna Fair

Numbers 6 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition . **The Nazirites**

6 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, **2** “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When ei-

ther men or women make a special vow, the vow of a nazirite, to separate themselves to the Lord, 3 they shall separate themselves from wine and strong drink; they shall drink no wine vinegar or other vinegar and shall not drink any grape juice or eat grapes, fresh or dried. 4 All their days as nazirites they shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine, not even the seeds or the skins.

5 “All the days of their nazirite vow no razor shall come upon the head; until the time is completed for which they separate themselves to the Lord, they shall be holy; they shall let the locks of the head grow long.

6 “All the days that they separate themselves to the Lord they shall not go near a corpse. 7 Even if their father or mother, brother or sister, should die, they may not defile themselves, because their consecration to God is upon the head. 8 All their days as nazirites they are holy to the Lord.

9 “If someone suddenly dies nearby, defiling the head of the nazirite, then they shall shave the head on the day of their cleansing; on the seventh day they shall shave it. 10 On the eighth day they shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting, 11 and the priest shall offer one as a purification offering and the other as a burnt offering and make atonement for them, because they incurred guilt by reason of the corpse. They shall sanctify the head that same day 12 and separate themselves to the Lord for their days as nazirites and bring a male lamb a year old as a guilt offering. The former time shall be void because the nazirite was defiled.

13 “This is the law for the nazirites when the time of their consecration has been completed: they shall be brought to the entrance of the tent of meeting, 14 and they shall offer their gift to the Lord, one male lamb a year old without blemish as a burnt offering, one ewe lamb a year old without blemish as a purification offering, one ram without blemish as an offering of well-being, 15 and a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of choice flour mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil, with their grain offering and their drink offerings. 16 The priest shall present them before the Lord and offer their purification offering and burnt offering 17 and offer the ram as a sacrifice of well-being to the Lord, with the basket of unleavened bread; the priest also shall make the accompanying grain offering and drink offering. 18 Then the nazirites shall shave the consecrated head at the entrance of the tent of meeting and shall take the hair from the consecrated head and put it on the fire under the sacrifice of well-being. 19 The priest shall take the shoulder of the ram, when it is boiled, and one unleavened cake out of the basket and one unleavened wafer and shall put them in the palms of the nazirites, after they have shaved the consecrated head. 20 Then the priest shall elevate them as an elevation offering before the Lord; they are a holy portion for the priest, together with the breast that is elevated and the thigh that is offered. After that the nazirites may drink

wine.

21 “This is the law for the nazirites who take a vow. Their offering to the Lord must be in accordance with the nazirite vow, apart from what else they can afford. In accordance with whatever vow they take, so they shall do, following the law for their consecration.”

The Priestly Benediction

22 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 23 “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying: Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them:

24 The Lord bless you and keep you;

25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

27 “So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

SPANISH

Números 6. **Instrucciones sobre el nazareato**

6 El Señor se dirigió a Moisés y le dijo: 2 — Di a los israelitas: Si alguien, hombre o mujer, hace voto solemne de nazareo, consagrándose al Señor, 3 deberá abstenerse de vino y de cualquier otra bebida embriagadora; no beberá vinagre hecho de vino o de otra bebida embriagadora; tampoco beberá zumo de uva ni comerá uvas frescas ni secas. 4 Durante el período de su nazareato no comerá nada de lo que se obtiene de la vid, ni los granos de la uva ni el hollejo. 5 Mientras dure su voto de nazareato no pasará navaja sobre su cabeza; hasta que se cumpla el tiempo de su consagración al Señor, será algo sagrado y dejará crecer su cabello sin cortarlo. 6 Mientras dure su voto de nazareato en honor del Señor, no se acercará a ninguna persona muerta. 7 Ni siquiera por su padre o su madre o su hermano o su hermana, en caso de que mueran, podrá contaminarse; porque tiene la consagración de Dios sobre su cabeza. 8 Todo el tiempo de su nazareato será una persona consagrada al Señor.

9 Si una persona muere de repente cerca del nazareo, contaminará su cabello consagrado, por lo que deberá raparse la cabeza el día de su purificación, es decir el día séptimo, 10 y el octavo día traerá dos tórtolas o dos palominos al sacerdote, a la entrada de la Tienda del encuentro. 11 El sacerdote ofrecerá uno como ofrenda de purificación y el otro en holocausto; así hará expiación en favor del nazareo por el pecado en que incurrió al estar cerca del muerto. Ese mismo día consagrará nuevamente su cabeza, 12 comenzará un nuevo período de nazareato dedicado al Señor y traerá un cordero de un año en ofrenda de reparación. El período previo quedará anulado por cuanto su nazareato fue contaminado.

13 Este es el ritual para el nazareo: el día que se cumpla el período de su nazareato será

conducido a la entrada de la Tienda del encuentro. 14 Como ofrenda al Señor presentará un cordero de un año sin defecto alguno en holocausto, una cordera de un año sin defecto alguno como ofrenda de purificación y un carnero sin defecto alguno en sacrificio de comunión. 15 Llevará también un canastillo de panes sin levadura hechos de flor de harina amasada con aceite, junto con tortas sin levadura untadas con aceite, además de la ofrenda de cereal y las correspondientes libaciones. 16 El sacerdote lo presentará todo ante el Señor y hará la ofrenda de purificación y el holocausto. 17 Ofrecerá el carnero en sacrificio de comunión al Señor, junto con el canastillo de los panes sin levadura y la ofrenda de cereal acompañada de las correspondientes libaciones. 18 Entonces el nazareo rapará su cabeza consagrada a la entrada de la Tienda del encuentro, tomará los cabellos de su cabeza consagrada y los pondrá sobre el fuego que arde debajo del sacrificio de comunión. 19 Después el sacerdote tomará la espaldilla ya cocida del carnero, junto con un pan y una torta sin levadura del canastillo, y lo pondrá todo en las manos del nazareo una vez que este se haya rapado la cabeza consagrada. 20 El sacerdote realizará el rito de la elevación en presencia del Señor, y todo le pertenecerá como ofrenda sagrada, además del pecho sometido al rito de la elevación y de la espaldilla reservada. Después de esto el nazareo podrá beber vino.

21 Así reza la ley para el que hace voto de nazareato. Pero si, además de las obligaciones de su nazareato, añade otra ofrenda al Señor, según le permitan sus recursos, deberá cumplir lo prometido de acuerdo con la ley del nazareato.

La bendición sacerdotal

22 El Señor se dirigió a Moisés y le dijo:

23 — Di a Aarón y a sus hijos: Así bendecirán a los israelitas:

24 ¡Que el Señor te bendiga y te proteja!

25 ¡Que el Señor te mire con benevolencia
y tenga misericordia de ti!

26 ¡Que el Señor te mire favorablemente
y te colme de paz!

27 Invocarán así mi nombre sobre los israelitas y yo los bendeciré. presentó ofrendas a Dios para intentar que Balaam maldijera a Israel.

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 TevisTownes

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.....

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 #547 Amazing Grace 1-4

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.

COMMUNION.....

"Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole," by Mark Friedman, arr. by Janet Vogt. Dorenda Morse, piano

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY.....

BENEDICTION.....

CLOSING REFLECTION.....

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" (Text: Numbers 6:24) Music by John Rutter. Mathena Page, soprano

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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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