



CHURCH OF THE  
GOOD SHEPHERD  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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FOR WHERE  
*your*  
TREASURE  
*is*  
THERE  
*your heart*  
WILL BE  
*also*  
MATTHEW 6:21

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

***FEBRUARY 15, 2026***

# Worship Leader: Axel Catterall

## WELCOME.....

## CALL TO WORSHIP.....

One: Today is a day where you can find peace and hope.

**Many: In the midst of our hectic lives, we surely need such a time as this.**

One: Come, rest in the Good News.

**Many: Our souls long for God's refreshing love.**

One: Let the demands of your week melt away in God's presence.

**Many: May God refresh and restore us as we celebrate God together.**

## HYMN #451 Be Now My Vision 1,2,3

1 Be now my vision O God of my heart;  
Nothing surpasses the love you impart—  
You my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

2 Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;  
Ever within me, my soul is assured;  
Mother and Father, you are both to me,  
Now and forever your child I will be.

3 Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,  
You, my inheritance, now and always;  
You and you only are first in my heart,  
Great God, my treasure, may we never part.

## OPENING REFLECTION.....

*"Boundless love, Amazing Grace" arr. Roger Thornhill, words by Karen Walters. Chancel Choir*

*O Lord what boundless love you have for me,  
My heart's desire, my humble kneeling plea  
Such grace divine, a gift beyond compare.  
Your answer to my midnight prayer.*

*O Lord let nothing rule my soul.  
Your grace and love alone can make me whole.  
You are my joy, my hope and hiding place  
You sing to me amazing grace.*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind by now I see.*

*O Christ what boundless love you gave to me  
You are my crown for all eternity  
You are my song, my music in the night.  
You are the way, the truth and the life!*

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

**PRAYER**.....

**SCRIPTURE**.....

**Psalm 51:1-17, New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition**

*To the leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
- 5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 6 You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- 16 For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
- 17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**Matthew 6:1-6, New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition**

6 “Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 3 But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand

is doing, 4 so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 5 “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 6 But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 16 “And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## **Salmos 51:1-17**

### **Nueva Versión Internacional**

*Al director musical. Salmo de David, cuando el profeta Natán fue a verlo por haber cometido David adulterio con Betsabé.*

**1** Ten piedad de mí, oh Dios, conforme a tu gran amor; conforme a tu misericordia, borra mis transgresiones.

**2** Lávame de toda mi maldad y límpiame de mi pecado.

**3** Yo reconozco mis transgresiones; siempre tengo presente mi pecado.

**4** Contra ti he pecado, solo contra ti, y he hecho lo que es malo ante tus ojos; por eso, tu sentencia es justa y tu juicio, irreprochable.

**5** Yo sé que soy pecador de nacimiento; pecador, desde que me concibió mi madre.

**6** Yo sé que tú amas la verdad en lo íntimo; en lo secreto me has enseñado sabiduría.

**7** Purifícame con hisopo y quedaré limpio; lávame y quedaré más blanco que la nieve.

**8** Anúnciame gozo y alegría; infunde gozo en estos huesos que has quebrantado.

**9** Aparta tu rostro de mis pecados y borra toda mi maldad.

**10** Crea en mí, oh Dios, un corazón limpio y renueva un espíritu firme dentro de mí.

**11** No me alejes de tu presencia ni me quites tu Santo Espíritu.

**12** Devuélveme la alegría de tu salvación; que un espíritu de obediencia me sostenga.

**13** Así enseñaré a los transgresores tus caminos, y los pecadores se volverán a ti.

**14** Dios mío, Dios de mi salvación, líbrame de derramar sangre y mi lengua alabará tu justicia.

**15** Abre, Señor, mis labios y mi boca proclamará tu alabanza.

**16** Tú no te deleitas en los sacrificios ni te complacen los holocaustos; de lo contrario, te los ofrecería.

**17** El sacrificio que te agrada es un espíritu quebrantado; tú, oh Dios, no desprecias al corazón quebrantado y arrepentido.

## **Mateo 6:1-6, 16-19 Nueva Versión Internacional**

**6** »Cuídense de no hacer sus obras de justicia delante de la gente para llamar la atención. Si actúan así, su Padre que está en el cielo no les dará ninguna recompensa. **2** »Por eso, cuando des a los necesitados, no lo anuncies al son de trompeta, como lo hacen los hipócritas en las sinagogas y en las calles para que la gente les rinda homenaje. Les aseguro que ellos ya han recibido toda su recompensa. **3** Más bien, cuando des a los necesitados, que no se entere tu mano izquierda de lo que hace la derecha, **4** para que tu limosna sea en secreto. Así tu Padre, que ve lo que se hace en secreto, te recompensará. **5** »Cuando oren, no sean como los hipócritas, porque a ellos les encanta orar de pie en las sinagogas y en las esquinas de las plazas para que la gente los vea. Les aseguro que ya han obtenido toda su recompensa. **6** Pero tú, cuando te pongas a orar, entra en tu cuarto, cierra la puerta y ora a tu Padre, que está en lo secreto. Así tu Padre, que ve lo que se hace en secreto, te recompensará. **16** »Cuando ayunen, no pongan cara triste como hacen los hipócritas, que cambian sus rostros para mostrar que están ayunando. Les aseguro que estos ya han obtenido toda su recompensa. **17** Pero tú, cuando ayunes, perfúmate la cabeza y lávate la cara **18** para que no sea evidente ante los demás que estás ayunando, sino solo ante tu Padre, que está en lo secreto; y tu Padre, que ve lo que se hace en secreto, te recompensará. **19** »No acumulen para sí tesoros en la tierra, donde la polilla y el óxido destruyen, y donde los ladrones se meten a robar. **20** Más bien, acumulen para sí tesoros en el cielo, donde ni la polilla ni el óxido carcomen, ni los ladrones se meten a robar. **21** Porque donde esté tu tesoro, allí estará también tu corazón.

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

### **HYMN#290 “Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart” 1-3**

**1** Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

**2** I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
No angel visitant, no opening skies;  
but take the dimness of my soul away.

**3** Have you not bid us love you every way?  
All, all your own; soul, heart, and strength, and mind;  
I see your cross - there teach my heart to stay:  
O let me seek you, and O let me find.

**SERMON.....Rev. Dr. Sarah 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**.....

*"O God, Beyond All Praising," by Gustav Holst, Tune" THAXTED, arr. By Laura Page Dorenda Morse, piano*

## **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 "Though I May Speak" (The Gift of Love)**

**1** Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

**2** Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

**3** Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;

by this we worship, and are freed.

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

**CLOSING**.....

*"There Shall Be Showers of Blessing," by James McGranahan, arr. By Joel Raney Dorenda Morse, piano*

**BENEDICTION**.....

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# Welcome!

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

Mission Statement

Church of the Good Shepherd desires to be an

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