



CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

04/26/26

11:00am

I came that
they may have

life

and have it

abundantly

John
10:10

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

APRIL 26, 2026

WELCOME.....

CALL TO WORSHIP.....

Inspired by Psalm 23

One: The Good Shepherd is with us. Let us enter this place with thanksgiving and praise!

Many: The Good Shepherd restores our souls, satisfies our needs, and leads us on the right path.

One: Through valleys and storms, the Good Shepherd comforts us and holds us close.

Many: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all of our days.

One: Let us celebrate the Good Shepherd, who dwells with us here and forever.

HYMN #23 “There’s a Wideness In God’s Mercy”

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earthly sorrows
are more felt than in God's heaven;
there's no place where earthly failings
have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our minds;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives would show thanksgiving
for the goodness of our God.

John
10:10

OPENING REFLECTION.....

Tim Caffee, piano

JOYS AND CONCERNS.....

PRAYER.....

SCRIPTURE.....

John 10:1-10, New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

10 “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Juan 10:1-10, Nueva Versión Internacional

10 »Les aseguro que el que no entra por la puerta al redil de las ovejas, sino que trepa y se mete por otro lado, es un ladrón y un bandido. 2 El que entra por la puerta es el pastor de las ovejas. 3 El portero le abre la puerta y las ovejas oyen su voz. Llama por nombre a las ovejas y las saca del redil. 4 Cuando ya ha sacado a todas las que son suyas, va delante de ellas y las ovejas lo siguen porque reconocen su voz. 5 Pero jamás seguirán a un desconocido; más bien, huirán de él porque no reconocen la voz del extraño.

6 Jesús les puso este ejemplo, pero ellos no captaron el sentido de sus palabras. 7 Por eso volvió a afirmar: «Les aseguro que yo soy la puerta de las ovejas. 8 Todos los que

vinieron antes de mí eran unos ladrones y unos bandidos, pero las ovejas no les hicieron caso. 9 Yo soy la puerta; el que entre por esta puerta, que soy yo, será salvo. Podrá entrar y salir con libertad y hallará pastos. 10 El ladrón no viene más que a robar, matar y destruir; yo he venido para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia.

A TIME FOR ALL AGES.....

HYMN #252 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” 1,2,3

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need your tender care;
in your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us, yours we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us, yours we are.

2 We are yours, in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.

3 Let us always seek your favor;
let us always do your will;
Jesus Christ, our only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.

John
10:10

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still;

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.

SERMON.....**Amy Headrick**

PASTORAL PRAYER.....

PRAYER OF JESUS

Our Father, Our Mother,

Who is in Heaven, Holy be Your name,

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.....

“Sanctus” by Bach, BWV 239 arr. Hunt Chancel Choir with Maria Stefanova and Andrea Rutan,
violin; Beth Purvis, cello

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 #81 “God Be With You” 1,2,3

1 God be with you till we meet again;

By good counsel guide, uphold you,

With a shepherd's care enfold you;

God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet,

Till we meet at Jesus' feet;

Till we meet, till we meet,

God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;

Wings of shelter safely hide you,

Daily manna still provide you:

God be with you till we meet again. **[Refrain]**

3 God be with you till we meet again;

When life's perils thick confound you,

Put unfailing arms around you:

God be with you till we meet again. **[Refrain]**

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY.....

CLOSING REFLECTION.....

Tim Caffee, 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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