



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

**06/07/26**

**11:00am**



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

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**WELCOME**.....

**PRELUDE**.....

*Bach Cello Suite #1: I Prelude Nathan Lupinetti, Bass*

**HYMN “Gather Us In” 1,2,3**

**1** Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name

**2** We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song

**3** Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

**OPENING REFLECTION**.....

*“Bach Cello Suite #1: II Allemande. Nathan Lupinetti, Bass*

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

**PRAYER**.....

**SCRIPTURE**.....

## **Hosea 6:1-6:6, adapted from the New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition**

- 6 1** “Come, let us return to God,  
for it is God who has torn, and God will heal us;  
God has struck down, and God will bind us up.
- 2** After two days God will revive us;  
on the third day God will raise us up,  
that we may live before God.
- 3** Let us know, let us press on to know God;  
God appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
God will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”
- 4** What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.
- 5** Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
- 6** For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

### **Oseas 6:1-6, La Palabra (Hispanoamérica)**

- 6 1** “Vengan, volvamos al Señor,  
porque él nos ha desgarrado  
y él será quien nos cure;  
él nos ha hecho la herida  
y él nos la vendará.
- 2** Al cabo de dos días  
nos devolverá la vida;  
al tercero nos levantará  
y viviremos en su presencia.
- 3** Esforcémonos en conocer al Señor;  
segura como la aurora es su venida:  
vendrá a nosotros como la lluvia,  
como lluvia de primavera

que empapa la tierra”.

**4** ¿Qué haré contigo Efraín?

¿Qué haré contigo Judá?

El amor de ustedes es como nube matutina,  
como rocío que pronto se disipa.

**5** Por eso los he golpeado  
por medio de los profetas,  
con mis palabras los he quebrantado  
y mi juicio resplandece como luz.

**6** Porque quiero amor y no sacrificio,  
conocer a Dios y no holocaustos.

**Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26, adapted from the New Revised Standard Version,  
Updated Edition**

**9** As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

**10** And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. **11** When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” **12** But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **13** Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

**18** While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” **19** And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. **20** Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, **21** for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” **22** Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. **23** When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, **24** he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. **25** But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. **26** And the report of this spread through all of that district.

**Mateo 9:9-13, La Palabra (Hispanoamérica)**

**9** Jesús continuó su camino. Al pasar vio a un hombre llamado Mateo que estaba sentado en su despacho de recaudación de impuestos, y le dijo:

— Sígueme. Mateo se levantó y lo siguió.

10 Más tarde, estando Jesús sentado a la mesa en casa de Mateo, acudieron muchos recaudadores de impuestos y gente de mala reputación, que se sentaron también a la mesa con Jesús y sus discípulos. 11 Los fariseos, al verlo, preguntaron a los discípulos: — ¿Cómo es que su Maestro se sienta a comer con esa clase de gente?

12 Jesús lo oyó y les dijo:

— No necesitan médico los que están sanos, sino los que están enfermos. 13 A ver si aprendéis lo que significa aquello de: Yo no quiero que me ofrezcan sacrificios, sino que sean compasivos. Yo no he venido a llamar

18 Mientras Jesús les estaba diciendo estas cosas, se le acercó un dignatario que, arrodilándose delante de él, le dijo:

— Mi hija acaba de morir; pero si tú vienes y pones tu mano sobre ella, volverá a vivir.

19 Jesús se levantó y, seguido de sus discípulos, fue con él.

20 En esto, una mujer que padecía hemorragias desde hacía doce años, se acercó por detrás a Jesús y tocó el borde de su manto, 21 pues pensaba para sí misma: “Con sólo tocar su manto, me curaré”. 22 Pero Jesús se volvió y, al verla, le dijo:

— Ánimo, hija, tu fe te ha salvado.

Y en aquel mismo instante la mujer recuperó la salud.

23 Cuando Jesús llegó a casa del dignatario y vio a los flautistas y a la gente que se lamentaba, dijo:

24 — Salgan de aquí. La muchacha no está muerta; está dormida. Al oír esto, todos se rieron de Jesús; 25 pero él, después que salió la gente, pasó adentro, tomó a la muchacha por la mano y ella se levantó. 26 Y la noticia de este suceso se extendió por toda aquella región.

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

### **HYMN #485 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go 1,2,3**

1 O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in you;  
I give you back the life I owe,  
that in its ocean depths its flow may may swell with ardor true.

2 O Light that follows all my way,  
To you I yield my flick’ring flame;  
Renew my spirit’s feeble ray,  
That from your brilliant sunlit day it may new brightness claim.

**3** O Joy that seeks me through my pain,  
To you I cannot close my heart;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and know the promise is not vain that you will ne'er depart.

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

**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**.....

*“Bach Cello Suite #1: III Courante. Nathan Lupinetti, 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**.....

**COMMUNION HYMN #332 “As We Gather at the Table”**

**1** As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story

till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's victory known.

**2** Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.

**3** Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.

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

**COMMUNION**.....

*Dorenda Morse, piano*

**CLOSING REFLECTION**.....

*DBach Cello Suite #1: IV Gigue. Nathan Lupinetti, Bass*

**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

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