



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

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*All are welcome.  
All are beloved.  
All are called  
by God.*



***No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.***  
***June 14, 2026***

**WELCOME**.....

**CALL TO WORSHIP**.....

One: Come, gather in the love of God.

**Many: We come as people shaped by endurance, growing in character, rooted in hope.**

One: Come with thanksgiving, claiming the truth that you are wonderfully made.

**Many: The Holy One made us, encourages us, and delights in us.**

One: We are God's people — diverse, resilient, beloved.

**Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Come, let us celebrate the source of love together.

**HYMN #4 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”**

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**.....

*“Navajo Vocabale for Piano” No. 7 by Connor Chee. Dorenda Morse, piano*

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

**PRAYER**.....

**SCRIPTURE**.....

**Psalm 100, adapted from the New Revised Standard Version, updated edition**

**100:1** Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

**100:2** Serve God with gladness and come into God’s presence with singing!

**100:3** Know that our God is Sovereign. It is God who made us, and not we ourselves. We are God’s. We are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.

**100:4** Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving and God’s courts with praise. Give thanks to God and bless God’s name.

**100:5** For the God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever and God’s faithfulness is to all generations.

**Romans 5:1-8, adapted from the New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition**

**5:1** Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ,

**5:2** through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

**5:3** And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance,

**5:4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

**5:5** and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**5:6** For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

**5:7** Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

**5:8** But God proves God’s love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us.

# **Salmos 100 Nueva Versión Internacional**

## **Salmo de acción de gracias.**

100 ¡Aclamen alegres al Señor, habitantes de toda la tierra!

2 ¡Adoren al Señor con regocijo!

Preséntense ante él con cánticos de júbilo.

3 Reconozcan que el Señor es Dios;

él nos hizo y somos suyos.

Somos su pueblo, ovejas de su prado.

4 Entren por sus puertas con acción de gracias;

vengan a sus atrios con himnos de alabanza.

¡Denle gracias, alaben su nombre!

5 Porque el Señor es bueno, su gran amor perdura para siempre

y su fidelidad permanece por todas las generaciones.

## **Romanos 5:1-8 Paz y alegría**

5 En consecuencia, ya que hemos sido justificados mediante la fe, tenemos paz con Dios por medio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. 2 También por medio de él, y mediante la fe, tenemos acceso a esta gracia en la cual nos mantenemos firmes. Así que nos regocijamos en la esperanza de alcanzar la gloria de Dios. 3 Y no solo en esto, sino también en nuestros sufrimientos, porque sabemos que el sufrimiento produce perseverancia; 4 la perseverancia, entereza de carácter; la entereza de carácter, esperanza. 5 Y esta esperanza no nos defrauda, porque Dios ha derramado su amor en nuestro corazón por el Espíritu Santo que nos ha dado.

6 A la verdad, como éramos incapaces de salvarnos, en el tiempo señalado Cristo murió por los impíos. 7 Difícilmente habrá quien muera por un justo, aunque tal vez haya quien se atreva a morir por una persona buena. 8 Pero Dios demuestra su amor por nosotros en esto: en que cuando todavía éramos pecadores, Cristo murió por nosotros.

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

**HYMN #402 De Colores (Sing of Colors)**

Sing of colors, (De colores)

Sing of colors that over the hills in profusion are springing;

Sing of colors

Of the birds that fly outside my window their canticles singing;

Sing of color,

In the rainbow's bright colors God's promise of hope we recall;

Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all. (repeat)

Sing, rejoicing!

Every creature that breathes raise a song to the God of creation.

Sing, rejoicing!

Sing to God who so earnestly cares, who has offered salvation.

Sing the good news!

Sing the love of the Savior reflecting the colors of all.

Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us

God's love to recall. (Repeat)

**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.....

*“The Rainbow Connection” by Paul Williams and Kenneth L. Ascher. Axel Catterall, solo*

## 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 All the Colors of the Rainbow 1,2,4

(Tune: ABBOT’S LEIGH)

1 All the colors of the rainbow  
Live unseen in daily light,  
But their splendors find expression  
When released to human sight;  
So the church reveals most beauty  
Where diver\_sity is real;  
Breadth of race and class and gender,  
Room for doubt and space to heal.

2 All the body’s parts are wanted,  
Nor can one despise the rest:  
Head and hand must work together,  
As must eye and ear and chest;  
So the church needs all its members  
For a range of min\_istries:  
Varied gifts with one great mission,  
“Do this for the least of these.”

4 Teach us, God, our need of others;  
Through them help us fully live.  
Wean us from our selfish habits;  
Let us listen, learn, forgive.

May we see your longed-for image  
In each human heart and face,  
And behold how those around us  
Can be channels of your grace.

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

**CLOSING REFLECTION**.....

*Sonatina No. 1 in G Major - Beethoven Moderato Romanza. 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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