



CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*A member of the Tucson Samaritans hands a jug of water
to a migrant at the US-Mexico border.*

“Whoever gives even a cup
of cold water to one of these little ones
in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you,
none of these will lose their reward.”

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

June 28, 2026

WELCOME.....

CALL TO WORSHIP.....

Adapted from the Worship Resources of the United Church of Christ, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/>

One: Christ calls us this day and every day to a journey of discipleship that will radically transform our lives.

Many: We hear as God calls us by name, and we want to say “Yes!”

One: It is not easy to let Christ’s love be shown in the face of adversity or hostility and yet,

Many: We want to accept the challenge to live out the truth of God’s love.

One: Christ calls us to a journey of “follow-ship” that offers life without fear, where we are eternally bound in the love and shelter of our Creator.

Many: We are called to share the message of God’s Kin-dom for all.

One: Christ blesses us so that we do not have to travel alone, but with all others who hear their name and say “yes.”

Many: Let us continue the journey as we celebrate the One who calls us in spirit and in truth!

HYMN #565 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 1-3

1 God, whose giving knows no ending,

From your rich and endless store:

Nature’s wonder, Jesus’; wisdom,

Costly cross, grave’s shattered door,

Gifted by you, we turn to you,

Off’ring up ourselves in praise;

Thankful song shall rise forever,

Gracious donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for serving,
That your will on earth be done:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self a lone;
Born with talents make us servants
Fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
Gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving you by loving all.

OPENING REFLECTION.....

"Now the Silence," by Carl F. Schalk, arr. Rachel Chapin. Dorenda Morse, piano

JOYS AND CONCERNS.....

PRAYER.....

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PRAYER.....

SCRIPTURE.....

Matthew 10:40-42, New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

40 "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a

righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Mateo 10:40-42, Nueva Versión Internacional

40 »Quien los recibe a ustedes me recibe a mí y quien me recibe a mí recibe al que me envió. 41 Cualquiera que recibe a un profeta por tratarse de un profeta recibirá recompensa de profeta; y el que recibe a un justo por tratarse de un justo recibirá recompensa de justo. 42 Y quien dé siquiera un vaso de agua fresca a uno de estos pequeños por tratarse de uno de mis discípulos, les aseguro que no perderá su recompensa».

A TIME FOR ALL AGES.....

HYMN #294 There's a Spirit in the Air 1,3,4,5

1 There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
“Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.”

3 When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed;
Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

4 Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

5 When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home;

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Praise the love that Christ revealed,

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.....

“For Everyone Born” by Tom Trenney lyrics by Shirley Erena Murray

Esther Moses, voice; Beth Purvis, cello; Dorenda Morse, piano

DOXOLOGY *A member of the Tucson Samaritans hands a jug of water*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. *at the US-Mexico border.*

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 ##393 Blessed Be the Tie That Binds 1,3,4

1 Blessed be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the sharing of a common life
is like to that above.

3 We share each other's woes,
Each other's burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
a sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part
it gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY.....

CLOSING REFLECTION.....

"Gavotte, from French Suite No. 5, by J.S. Bach. 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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