



CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

07/19/26

11:00am



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

July 19, 2026

Worship Leader: **Thomas Britton**

WELCOME.....

HYMN #42 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories ever echoing
the triumphs of God’s grace!

2 My gracious Savior and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

3 Jesus! the name that calms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner’s ears,
is life, and health, and peace!

4 Glory to God, and love and praise
be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age,
the church in earth and heaven.

OPENING REFLECTION.....

“You are my Hiding Place” words and music by Michael Ledner, arr. Mark Hayes

Dorenda Morse, piano

JOYS AND CONCERNS.....

PRAYER.....

SCRIPTURE.....

Micah 6:6-8

6

With what shall I come before the Lord

and bow down before the exalted God?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,

with calves a year old?

7

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,

with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly[a] with your God.

Miqueas 6:6-8

6 ¿Con qué me presentaré al SEÑOR y me postraré ante el Dios Altísimo? ¿Me presentaré ante él con holocaustos, con becerros de un año?

7 ¿Aceptará el SEÑOR millares de carneros o miríadas de arroyos de aceite? ¿Daré mi primogénito por mi rebelión, el fruto de mi vientre por el pecado de mi alma?

8 ¡Oh hombre, él te ha declarado lo que es bueno! ¿Qué requiere de ti el SEÑOR? Solamente hacer justicia, amar misericordia y caminar humildemente con tu Dios.

A TIME FOR ALL AGES.....

HYMN #32 God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale” 1,2,5,6

1 God of the sparrow God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

2 God of the earthquake God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature say Woe

How does the creature cry Save

5 God of the neighbor God of the foe

God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages God near at hand

God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Home.

SERMON.....Lanie Dickel and Randi Walker

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.....

*“Confidence Op. 19, No. 4,” by Felix Mendelssohn
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 “In Times of Great Decision”

(To the tune of “The Church’s One Foundation”)

Words by Carolyn Gillette

1 In times of great decision, be with us, God, we pray!

Give each of us a vision of Jesus’; loving way.

When louder words seem endless and other voices sure,

Remind us of your promise: your love and truth endure.

2 O God, whose gifts are countless, you send us bearing peace.

You fill our dreams with justice for all communities.

You give us global neighbors, that all may justly live.

May those we choose as leaders reflect the life you give.

3 O God, you bridged the distance; you opened wide your door.

You call us by our presence to reach to serve the poor.

You teach us: Welcome strangers! Seek justice on the earth!

May those we choose as leaders see every person's worth.

4 You call on every nation to put aside all greed,

To care for your creation and for your ones in need,

To care for those in prison, for children, for the ill.

In times of great decision, may we choose leaders well.

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY.....

CLOSING REFLECTION.....

"You Are Crowned with Many Crowns," by John Sellers, arr. By Mark Hayes

Dorenda Morse, piano

BENEDICTION.....

Permissions:

“God of the Sparrow”

Contributors: Jaroslav J Vajda

Text: © 1983, Concordia Publishing House

Reprinted / podcast / streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-721312. All rights reserved.

“God of the Sparrow God of the Whale”

Contributors: Jaroslav J Vajda

Text: © 1983, Concordia Publishing House

Reprinted / podcast / streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-721312. All rights reserved.

“In Times of Great Decision”

AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D (“The Church’s One Foundation”)

Words by Carolyn Gillette, used with permission

“You Are Crowned with Many Crowns,” Contributors: John Sellers, Mark Hayes

© 1984 Integrity’s Hosanna! Music/ASCAP

reserved.



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

Church of the Good Shepherd desires to be an

Mission Statement

The mission of Church of the Good

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

7834 Tennyson Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122

Office: 505-856-1004

www.ucccogs.org

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