

Gathering Music

(Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn 298

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

Prayer of Invocation

Based on Genesis 1

In the beginning God created all things,  
and **God saw that they were good.**

At our beginning, God created us  
**unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God,**  
**known and treasured by God even before He created us.**

In all our new beginnings, God creates something new  
so we will seek **God in the freshness of this morning,**  
**in the laughter of friends,**  
**in the colors of creation,**  
**and in this beautiful place.**

Lord God, King of Creation,  
**open our eyes to see your presence,**  
**our souls to sense your presence,**  
**and our hearts to love your presence,**  
**ever here in your creation,**  
**and ever beyond it in eternity.**  
**Amen.**

~ Adapted from *Liturgy of Creation* (<http://www.wellsprings.org.uk/liturgies/creation.htm>).

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16 - 20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

Sermon

Special Music

*Shout to the North*

Communion

## Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God the Creator,  
who created and is creating everything:  
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;  
each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.**  
**We believe in God the Christ,  
who saved and is saving everything:  
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;  
each of us; unique, individual and beloved of the Christ.**  
**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who guided and is guiding everything:  
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;  
each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit.**  
**We believe that this one God in three persons,  
is present among us,  
working directly in our lives  
and the lives of all who are born into this world,  
striving to bring us back into harmony  
with all creation and with God:  
forgiving, healing, touching everyone,  
never rejecting any,  
giving this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life.**

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## Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Hymn 757

*Today We All Are Called to be Disciples*

## Benediction

# 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission



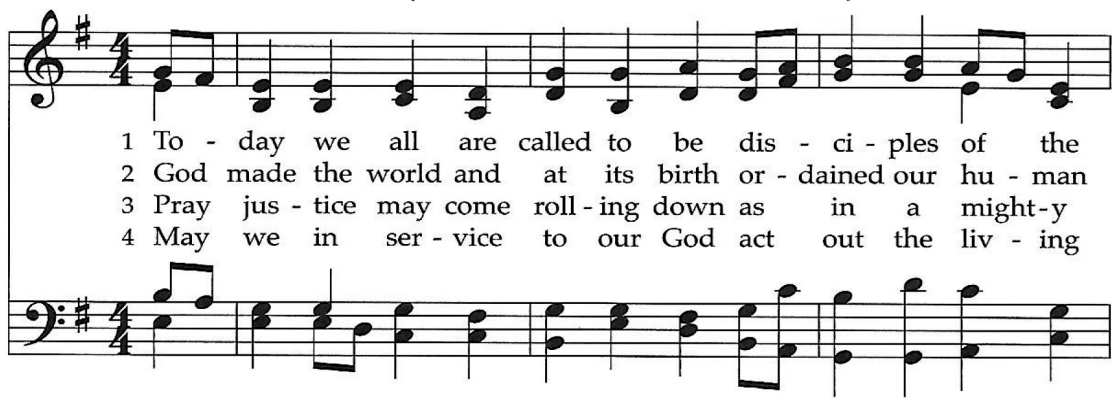
1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-  
 3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This, my bod-y;  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a-  
 this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly  
 do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri-vate trea-sure all that  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we

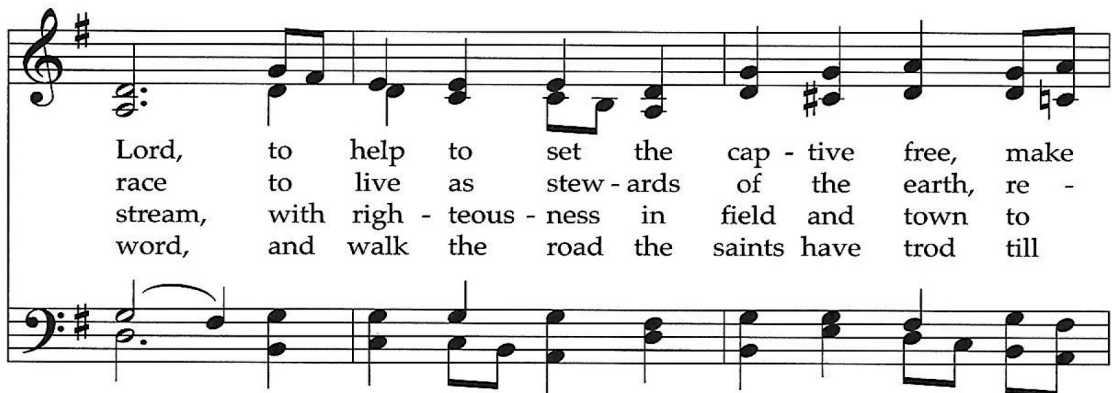
gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness to your  
 bun-dant meant for each, give us all new fer-vor,  
 lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the world a-  
 you so free-ly give. May your care and mer-cy  
 serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the cares that

pur-pose with re-newed in-teg-ri-ty:  
 draw us clos-er in com-mu-ni-ty:  
 round us share your chil-dren's lib-er-ty: with the Spir-it's  
 lead us to a just so-ci-e-ty:  
 claim us, hold in mind e-ter-ni-ty:

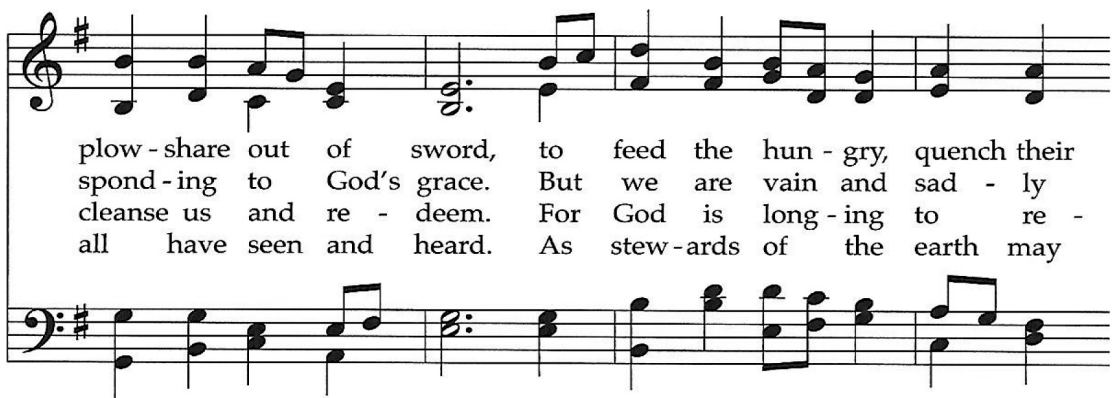
gifts em-power us for the work of min-is-try.



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



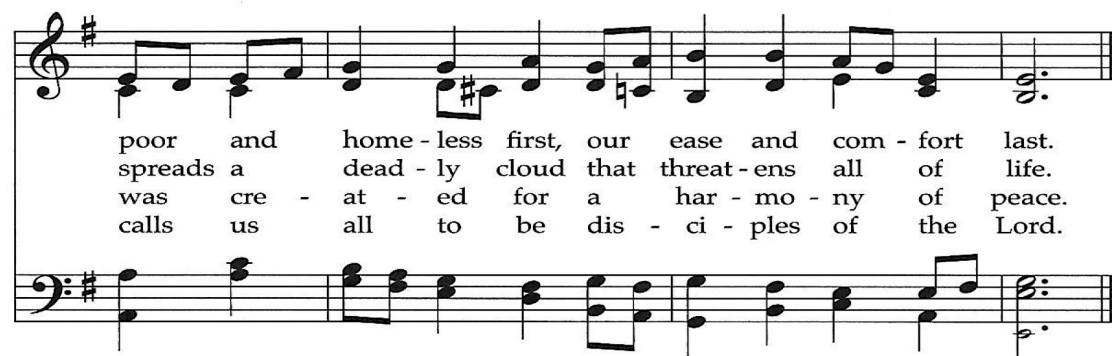
Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

# Good Stuff @ Good Shepherd

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In 1965, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke these words at Montreat Conference Center, a Presbyterian camp and conference center in North Carolina. His words are as relevant today as they were then.

As you know, I was to be here on Thursday evening and, unfortunately, one of the most violent conflicts of our nation, ever in the history of our nation, developed in Los Angeles. And as one who has consistently followed a method and a philosophy of nonviolence, I felt it was absolutely necessary to respond to the invitation that came to me from the Negro leaders of that community to come and offer whatever counsel and advice that I could. And it so happened that I had to be there a little longer than I thought I would. ... But I'm happy that you gave me the privilege to come here today. And that's through sympathetic understanding. You realized why it was not possible for me to be here Thursday evening.

I am certainly indebted to Mr. Johnson for these very kind and gracious words of introduction. As I listen to him with his wonderful and eloquent words of introduction, I felt something like the old maid who had never been married and one day she went to work and the lady for whom she worked said, 'Anne, I hear you're getting married.' She said, 'No, I'm not getting married, but thank God for the rumor.'

Now, I know all of these wonderful things he said about me can't be true, but thank God for the rumor.

These are difficult days in which we live. At points, we do live in days of emotional tension, when the problems of our nation and the problems of our world are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail. And as I stand before you who are so involved in Christian action in the great Southern Presbyterian Church, I would like to use as a subject from which to speak, "The Church on the Frontier of Racial Tension."

There can be no gainsaying from the fact that we find ourselves in a crisis-packed day. There can be no gainsaying of the fact that we have a crisis in race relations in our country. Some years ago, a great sociologist at Harvard University, Dr. Sorokin, wrote a book entitled *The Crisis of our Age*, and the thesis of that book was that a crisis develops in society when an old idea exhausts itself and society seeks to reorientate itself around the new idea.

Now this is certainly true in our situation. It is true in our nation at the present time. The old idea of segregation, the old idea of paternalistic relationships between the races has exhausted itself. And American society is seeking to reorientate itself around the new idea of integration, the new idea of genuine, person-to-person relation. This accounts for the crisis of our age and this accounts for the crisis in race relations today.

Whenever a crisis emerges in society, the church has a specific and a great responsibility. It has a real responsibility in the midst of this crisis because the problems involved are essentially moral issues. The church, being the moral guardian of the community, cannot overlook its moral responsibility at this hour.

Now, we must admit that all too often the church has been lax at this point. All too often in the midst of social evil, too many Christians have somehow stood still, only to mouth pious irrelevancies and sanctimonious trivialities. All too often in the midst of racial injustice, too many Christians have remained silent behind the safe security of stained glass windows. But when the church is true to its nature, when it is true to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and when it is relevant, it is always active in immaterial social change, seeking to guide and direct, seeking to bring the eternal variable of the gossips to bear on the particular situation. This is the great challenge facing the church today. This is the great challenge facing every Christian in these days of racial tension.

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## Joys and Concerns

The construction project is under way. The basement has been cleared out and work has begun on the upstairs bathroom and building walls downstairs. The coded door lock is no longer in use. Please contact Teddie if you need to enter the building regularly. ([office@thegoodshepherd.org](mailto:office@thegoodshepherd.org))

**Please pray** for Traci and Colleen Wager, Barb Myers, communities affected by COVID-19 here in the United States and throughout the world, and for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area. Let us know what's happening....call 303-452-5478 or e-mail it to us at [office@thegoodshepherd.org](mailto:office@thegoodshepherd.org)



The food bank served 162 people during the month of May, including 47 children in 48 households.

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Support Good Shepherd when you buy groceries at King Soopers and Safeway. From each grocery chain, Good Shepherd receives a check equal to 5% back when total purchases reach \$5,000. King Soopers has changed its Neighborhood Rewards Program so that a separate card is not needed. The reward is tied to each person's individual King Sooper's loyalty card. If you haven't linked your loyalty card to Good Shepherd, go to the King Sooper's website, register your card and then choose Good Shepherd as the recipient of funds earned by your purchases. Good Shepherd's ID number for you to enter is KV113. Then every time you use your loyalty card. Good Shepherd benefits. Good Shepherd just received a check from King Soopers in the amount of \$109.10!! Safeway's Community Giving program still uses separate cards that you reload at the cash register when you check out. You may use your credit card to reload your Safeway card. Buy the first card from Good Shepherd for \$10. The original purchase price is already loaded on the cards. Good Shepherd is close to another Safeway reward – we have \$4,242.34 in reloads and will receive a reward when \$5,000 has been spent. Good Shepherd usually receives between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per year in rewards. These programs don't cost you any money, and it is "free" money for Good Shepherd. See Mary Archuleta if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting Good Shepherd when you buy groceries!