

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

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
You shall love the Lord your God,
And your neighbor as yourself.

Prayer of Invocation

You do not want us
to be ignorant of your
dreams and hopes for this world,
God of holiness,
so you speak to us in parables,
so we might pay careful attention
to your words;
you tell us stories about
our grandparents in the faith,
so we might become mentors
to our grandchildren, and theirs.
Filling us with the holy oil
of generosity and grace,
you make us ready to welcome
Jesus Christ into the world,
and to open our hearts
to those who are in need.

Hymn 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis



1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.



3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so



much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be



un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be



loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Sermon

Special Music

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Shirley Erena Murray

Communion

Affirmation of Faith

A Creed: The Mini-Parables of Jesus

**We believe in the love-kindom of God,
through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us.**

**We believe the love-kindom is like a mustard seed;
sown in apparent insignificance,
growing into magnificence for the greening of the world.**

**We believe the love-kindom is like yeast;
inserted in humble insignificance into the dough of life,
expanding into enough bread for the world.**

**We believe the love-kindom of God is like a treasure;
lost and rendered insignificant under the ground,
now found with joy and thanksgiving.**

**We believe the love-kindom of God is like pearls;
all others become in insignificant
when the largest, most beautiful pearl of all is found.**

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We believe the love-kindom of God is like a net full of fish;
where even insignificant sardines are saved
but worm-ridden barracuda are thrown away.
We believe in the love-kindom of God,
through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us;
where the meek and the poor, the merciful and the hungry,
rejoice with the angels of God.

Loving God, we believe; scatter our unbelief. Amen

Pastoral Prayer

As sabers rattle in lands both close and distant
we confess that we are in pain,
We are loathe to take account of the many ways
in which we unwittingly profit
from the machinery of war and greed.
*Still we read the parables of Jesus
which fly in the face of social convention
offending those who dare to listen.*
Christ have mercy,
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have mercy upon us.

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The Lord's 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 659

Amazing Grace

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Confessional Litany

Believing that we are insignificant,
and at the same time fearful that we might become so,
we are timid to use our voices to speak truth to a world of war.
*Now the parables of Jesus offer a new vision;
now the servants dine and the masters serve,
now the last becomes and the first becomes last.*
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
have mercy upon us.

Hear the good news of the Story
that no sheep is unworthy of rescue,
no coin too small to be missed.
Hear the good news
that love is stronger than hate
and that this power is alive within you
now and forever.
Amen.

Good Shepherd Staff

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Choir Director: Sara Tyburczy

Office Admin: Teddie McConnell
Accompanist: Dr. Jonathan Morris

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshúitínigí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da ní't'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie
 MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

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Good Stuff @ Good Shepherd



An Interesting Year

I was a member here from 1980 – 1998, moved out of state and then back in 2013, when I rejoined the church. One year ago today, I took over the job of Office Administrator from the legendary Barb Mitchell, veteran of 31 years at Good Shepherd. I came from spending two years in the same position at Westminster Presbyterian. I knew there would be challenges, but I felt sure that God had brought me here and confident about my ability to adapt to being both an employee and a member. I've made my share of mistakes, what I try to think of as "learning opportunities." Your support and encouragement have been heartwarming and appreciated.

In the spring of 2017, I started a parallel journey toward becoming a Commissioned Pastor, which includes eight online college courses and a project. I recently finished the last class and am working on my project. Once I complete it, I'll be qualified to act as a fill-in preacher, perform weddings and funerals, lead communion, even work as a pastor for a small church that can't afford someone with a Master of Divinity degree, if that's what God has in mind. Please pray for my discernment.

Here we are in the middle of a construction project, a pandemic, and a search for a new pastor. Yes, it's been an interesting year.

Our bridge pastor, Bethany Benz-Whittington, is moving this week. I'll be preaching in her place on Sunday, talking about the parable of the Prodigal Son and the older Brother. I hope you'll find it helpful.

I also hope you'll join us for the virtual coffee hour the service. In a time of missing each other deeply, it's a way to reconnect and remind ourselves that we are still a community.

Blessings, Teddie

Joys and Concerns

The construction project is under way. Contact Teddie if you need to enter the building regularly. (office@thegoodshepherd.org) Please be aware that Teddie is working remotely and checking phone messages frequently. Her hours are still Monday through Friday from 9 am to 2 pm, so please respect these hours. Thanks!

Please pray the family of Glenn Flyr, who passed away on December 30, 2019, for the family of Dick Kelly who lost his sister recently, for 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.



In June, our Food Bank served 43 families, 168 individuals, including 68 children.

We were closed one day due to construction issues. We will be closed the last 2 weeks of July while the food bank construction is being completed.

I must say, working the food bank these days is an interesting challenge! We could use a couple more volunteers, or substitutes.

Mary Kennedy

Throughout the spring, there has been much discussion about how and whether the **Elephant Rock Ride fundraiser for the ZMP** could take place this year. The regular June time frame has been cancelled and rescheduled to October 11th. But in the meantime, faithful bike riders connected with Brighton First Presbyterian Church have planned an alternate shorter ride that will happen on Sunday, July 12th, beginning and ending at their church building. They are inviting other riders to join them. **Stephen Chappell**, who has been a rider in the race for many years, is excited about this new option, especially since he won't need to drive all the way to Douglas County Fairgrounds. **David Wolters and Teddie McConnell** have also signed up to participate in this race. Perhaps a few more of you in our congregation would like to join him, riding for Team Good Shepherd! Please contact Mary McCarron if you'd like more information about registering and creating your own fund-raising page. If you decide to do this, please let us know so we can support you!

If you'd like to support Stephen and/or David and Teddie, you may send a check to Good Shepherd, noting that it is for "Team Good Shepherd" with the name. You can also go online to their fundraising page or to their Facebook page to donate. Go to zimpartnership.org for more general information. Other questions? Please contact Mary McCarron.

The **Men's Shed** is tentatively planning to resume meeting August 3rd at the church. They'll be using current social distancing rules and wearing masks. If this changes, we'll let you know. Contact Tim Schneider for more information.

