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

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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 85

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

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1 Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the
 2 Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the
 3 Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the
 4 Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the



light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall bring sal -
 light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall feed the
 light ban - ish dark - ness. Lift your heads and
 light ban - ish dark - ness. He is com - ing;



va - tion to Is - rael, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
 flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
 lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
 tell the glad ti - dings. Let your lights be shin - ing.

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon

Special Music

In His Time

Diane Bell

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.**

**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

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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,
Christ have mercy,
have mercy upon us.**
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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.

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 350

Keep Your Lams Trimmed and Burning
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Charge and Benediction

Musical Benediction

Benediction

Curtis Stephan

Good Shepherd Staff

Bridge Pastor: Rev. Bethany Benz-Whittington
Choir Director: Sara Tyburczy

Office Admin: Teddie McConnell
Accompanist: Dr. Jonathan Morris

350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your
 2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our
 3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are
 4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery



lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your lamps
 faith makes us hap - py; it's our faith
 climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing
 round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes



trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.



Refrain



Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;



chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh.





Good Stuff @ Good Shepherd



July 7, 2020

Good Shepherd Construction Update

1. The parking lot has been resurfaced and marked. All outdoor lighting has been updated to LED lighting and adjustments and repairs made by Al Hamilton, of Hamilton Electric, directed by Paul Coleman and Dick Kelly.
2. All outside painting of the church and shed have been completed under the direction of Noel Matthews.
3. All trees on the campus have been trimmed, four small trees removed due to borers, three ash trees treated for Emerald Ash Borer, and unmanageable evergreen shrubs removed from around the foundation with all stumps ground out, directed by Paul Coleman and Bob Swanson.
4. The upstairs bathroom and downstairs offices are partitioned, downstairs air conditioning ducts are in, Food Bank partitioned off, two office egress windows and two new small windows have been installed, cement pad for the air conditioning unit has been poured and plumbing tie in is underway, under the supervision of Noel Matthews and Barbie Swanson.
5. The lawn sprinkler system has been evaluated. A main valve and several sprinkler heads need replacement and all need adjustment. Under the direction of Henry Heckart, Paul Coleman and Bob Swanson.

Drive by and take a look. It's exciting to see all the improvements.

Joys and Concerns

Please pray for Mary McCarron, who had surgery on Friday, July 10th; for the family of Dick Kelly, whose beloved sister Betty passed away recently; for Burton Kugler, who is lonely and would love some cards or letters (address below), for Keystone Senior Community Center, which has had some residents infected with COVID, 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.

Burton Kugler
c/o Charles Kugler
1803 Cedar Ridge Drive
Radford, VA 24141

Let us know what's happening.... call 303-452-5478 or e-mail it to us at 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!



Sadly, Teddie and David have decided to live-stream their wedding from the church with just the wedding party physically in attendance in the hope of keeping everyone as safe as possible. They will have a reception once the church is back open, not sure when that will be. A link will be provided for everyone who'd like to watch. Thank you all for understanding.

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.



Food for Thought

"Hope is reborn in the form of faith, faith that God will take over, even if you can't yet see how." – Beth Guckenberger, author

"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all." -- Dale Carnegie

July Birthdays:

Barbara Mitchell	- July 15
Kirstyn Rouse	- July 17
Paul Steward	- July 18
Mary Ann Hood	- July 27
Tim Schneider	- July 27
Mary McCarron	- July 29
Michelle Watson	- July 29
Jay Dee Conrad	- July 30

