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Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Video

Prayer of Invocation

God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered, move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet, so that we may follow you more faithfully. Lord, we seek to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hymn 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

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Matthew 16:21-28

Scripture Reading

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Sermon

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LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST



Special Music

My Savior and My God

Words by Ralph E. Hudson with additional lyrics by Jay Althouse *Music by Jay Althouse*

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking us and calling us into a new way.

I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.

I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow into an obedience which is true freedom and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.

These things we believe, because God the innovator first believed. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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 625

How Great Thou Art

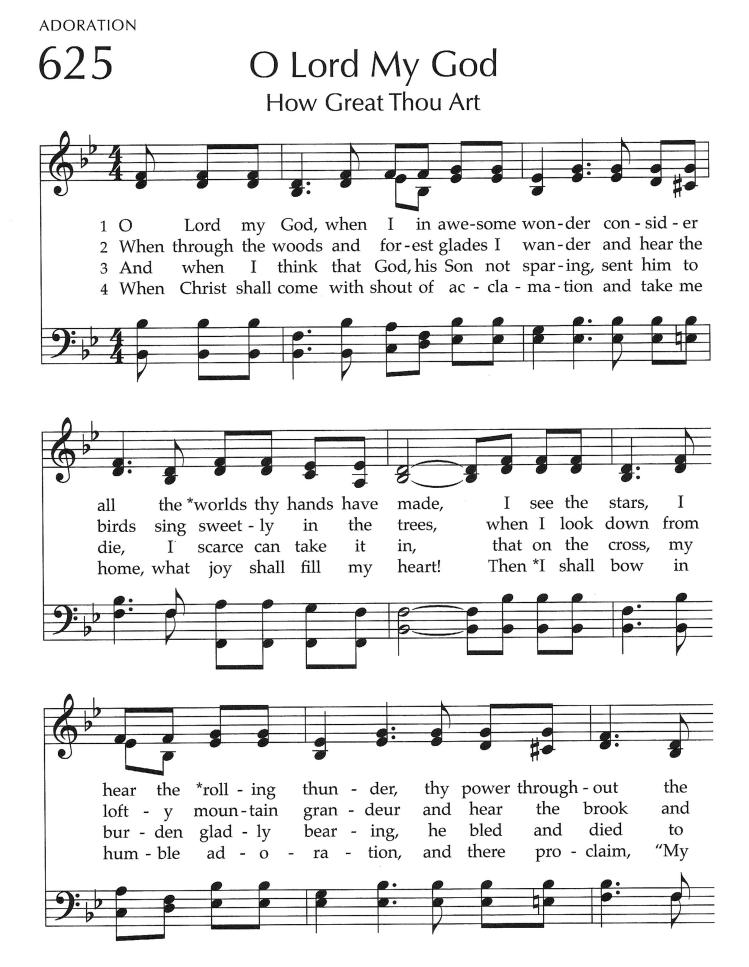
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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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

Office Admin: Teddie McConnell Accompanist: Dr. Jonathan Morris



*Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."





This is a big week for the PC(USA). On social media, they are engaging in #WeekOfActionPCUSA, which is intended to be a witness to Jesus' message to us to act justly. On Facebook and Twitter this week, you will see a lot of different posts about racism, sexism, gender disparities in pay (this is HUGE in our denomination), responses to COVID-19, and calls to action.

As we're studying Amos, we see this theme over and over and over. Just this week, we read that God despises our festivals (our worship) if it is not accompanied by actions which uplift the poor and the marginalized. Therefore, I encourage you to follow along with what the denomination is doing.

You can find more information here: <u>https://www.pcusa.org/weekofaction/</u>

Peace, Bethany

ZMP Update

As you may already know, conditions in Zimbabwe have become even more difficult during the world-wide pandemic. Schools at the HCOC have been closed for many months, as have the feeding stations connected to them. Instead, staff members deliver food supplies to children's homes, where they have connected with the children and also discovered that many are experiencing neglect and abuse.

You will recall that the organizers of the annual Elephant Rock Bike Ride, the ZMP's traditional largest fundraiser for our friends in Zimbabwe, cancelled it in June. The smaller alternative bike ride on July 12 in Brighton was very successful (thank you, Teddie, David and Stephen!), but the \$40,000 donated was significantly less than the \$65,000 normally raised. Consequently, the ZMP Board decided that another fund-raiser is in order.

We hope the schools in Zimbabwe will reopen soon, which means the feeding programs will also resume. Costs will increase for those normal services and for additional services related to fighting the COVID19 virus. Also, UNICEF has sharply reduced the medicine it supplies to the Clinic.

Following is a list of some of the specific items and services that you have the opportunity to provide for the HCOC:

- \$20 will pay for Personal Protective Equipment for 10 children for 1 school term
- \$30 will pay for 1 child's school fees for 1 school term
- \$50 will cover 1 child-headed orphan family's food supplies for 1 month
- \$75 will provide 40 orphans with 1 month of meals at the feeding center by their school
- \$100 will cover the salary of a visiting doctor for 1 month
- \$120 will renovate the housing structure of 1 child-headed home
- \$150 will pay for AIDS medicines for 4 orphan children for 1 year

Or you may donate an amount of your choice for "wherever it's most needed".

If your heart urges you to participate in this funding for the HCOC, please write a check payable to Good Shepherd Presbyterian and note in memo that it is for the Zimbabwe Mission Partnership. God bless you! Thank you so much from the children in Zimbabwe!!

Good news! Good Shepherd has an interim pastor!

Please welcome **Rev. Sheri Fry** as Good Shepherd's interim. Rev. Fry's home is in Denver. After leaving Montview Church, she was the Interim Pastor for United Presbyterian Church in Laramie, Wyoming from 2017-2019 and then served as Interim Associate Executive Presbyter in the Heartland Presbytery in Kansas City, Missouri from 2109-2020. What Rev. Fry identified as being important to her and her leadership are things which are important to Good Shepherd – implementing participatory programs. She is looking for a church that is willing to explore opportunities for growth through leadership, service, caregiving and mission. She wants to serve a church where love is nurtured through spiritual fulfillment, community, tolerance, peace, non-violence, and social justice. Rev. Fry will begin her full-time duties by preaching on September 20, 2020. After September 20, Rev. Fry may be reached through the church office or by email: revmo25@gmail.com or her cell phone number 303-465-3883.

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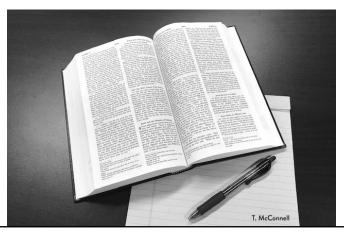
Joys and Concerns

Please pray for communities affected by COVID-19 or human rights violations 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....

e-mail it to us at office@thegoodshepherd.org

Please honor the office hours (M-F 9am to 2pm) when contacting Teddie.



Our Zoom Bible Study is continuing the study of the book of Amos. This Tuesday at 11 am we'll be delving into Amos 7:1-9:10.

The link to join is the same each week:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85967114684



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