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

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Video

Prayer of Invocation

**Come, Spirit of God,  
Sweep through our world bringing great change.  
May the bounty of your goodness be shared more justly,  
So all may share in the rich blessings of your creation.  
And, for us, bring transformation in our praying and living,  
So that we may act justly, love mercy,  
And walk humbly with you all the days of our lives.  
Amen.**

Hymn 757

*We Are Called to be Disciples*

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Sermon

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## 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

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.

Communion

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God,  
the giver of grain and bread,  
and in Jesus Christ,  
the bread of life broken for us,  
and in the Holy Spirit,  
God's nourishing power in every grain and loaf.  
I believe that Christ is to be leaven in us,  
so that we may offer the bread of life  
to the hungers of every human heart.

~ written by Alvin Franz Brightbill (adapted), and posted on the Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren website. <http://rockhay.tripod.com/>

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 340

*This is my Song*

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Charge and Benediction

Sung Benediction

*Benediction*

by Curtis Stephan

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Good Shepherd Staff

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

Office Admin: Teddie McConnell  
Accompanist: Dr. Jonathan Morris

## This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.



# Good Stuff @ Good Shepherd



Dearest friends in Christ,

It has been such a joy working with you these last few months. Who ever would have thought being a remote pastor from across the country would be a thing?! But here we are, and much of the credit for the success of this experiment goes to you.

For your patience, I give thanks. All those times the technology didn't work. All those times we had to navigate time zones. And that one time I was moving and had to rely on your leadership to make worship happen.

For your creativity, I give thanks. All the starts and restarts of virtual worship. All the Zoom calls that required a different format for Session or fellowship or Bible study. And, of course, the music that has evolved from day one into a truly communal online experience.

For your wisdom, I give thanks. All the guidance about who's who and what's what. All the time spent giving me decades of church history. And even wisdom to not reopen too soon.

For your time, I give thanks. All those of you who have faithfully joined for worship. All of you who have kept the food bank running and the various missions of the church going. And even and especially how you have kept up your financial support during this odd and wondrous time.

For you, I give thanks. My prayer for you as you embark on the next steps of your journey is that you will continue in all patience, creativity, wisdom, and time until God's vision for Good Shepherd is at hand.

Thank you, dear ones, for being with me on this wild trip.

Peace,  
Bethany





The food bank reopened on August 11. We served 107 individuals in 29 households. We hope to expand to being open 3 days soon.

If anyone would like to work on a Thursday, please let Mary McCarron know soon. If you are available to work on another day instead, we could probably move teams around.

We are also very short of toilet paper and would welcome donations.

- Mary Kennedy



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## Joys and Concerns

Please pray for Barbie S. who had a knee replacement and Michelle W. who had cancer surgery last week. Both are resting at home; for communities affected by COVID-19 or by 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.

Please contact Teddie with news and concerns at [office@thegoodshepherd.org](mailto:office@thegoodshepherd.org) or call 720-220-2673 between 9-2 M-F.

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Garrett Tillery 9/7

Teddie McConnell 9/13

Ashton Rouse 9/13

Bob Mitchell 9/14

Jackson Gabbard 9/16

Colleen Wager 9/18

David Wolters 9/22

***Check out the virtual tour of the finished construction at the church on our Facebook page!***

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

The link to join is the same each week:

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

