



*A Service for the Lord's Day
February 28, 2021 ~ 10:00 am
2nd Sunday in Lent*

To listen to the service on your phone, call 720-647-9623 between 10 am this Sunday and 10 am next Sunday..

Gathering Music

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

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Sheri Fry

Call to Worship

Liturgist Fred Finke

Today in worship, we will be reminded that again and again, we are called to listen. This is part of our invitation as people of faith to not only speak, pray, and sing, but to listen.

So for just a moment as we gather ourselves for worship, I invite you to join me in a kinesthetic call to worship by embodying our prayer as I prompt you. Let us listen, let us pray.

Family of faith, I invite you to close your eyes.

Rest your feet on the floor beneath you.

Release any tension you are holding...in your neck, your shoulders your hands, your legs, your feet.

Take a deep breath in and slowly let it out.

The Hebrew word for breath is Ruach, and it's the same word for Spirit. So as you breathe, imagine that it is God who is filling up your lungs with energy and love. Trust that God is as close as your very breath.

Now imagine your mind as a river.

Thoughts will drift into view; they always do.

But instead of holding onto those thoughts, allow yourself to let them float by.

And listen.

Listen deep.

Listen far.

Listen wide.

The sound of your breath is the sound of the Divine. This is holy space.

Let us worship God.

Lighting of the Christ Candle (unison)

Fred Finke

In this place of friendship there is freedom. Let the light we kindle go before us, strong in hope, wide in good will, inviting the day to come.

Hymn 631

In the Presence of your People

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In the Presence of Your People 631

(Psalm 22)



1 In the pres-ence of your peo - ple I will praise your name,
 2 All who love you sing your prais - es and pro - claim your power,
 3 All who seek your rule will praise you and be sat - is - fied;



for a - lone you are ho - ly, en-throned on the prais-es of Is - ra - el.



Let us cel - e - brate your good - ness and your stead - fast love;
 You have not ig-nored our suf - fering but have heard our cry;
 All - the peo-ples of the na - tions will bow down to you;



may your name be ex-alt - ed here on earth and in heaven a - bove.

This text based on the affirmative later parts of Psalm 22 (especially verses 3, 22–28) has an unusual structure, with alternating lines of stanza and refrain. It also has an uncommon history, as the first stanza was written in New Zealand and the remaining stanzas in Canada.

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Rev. Sheri Fry

God, I turn into ashes all my preconceptions about this scripture, all my safe, familiar interpretations. Burn me with its newness. Let it rise like the phoenix with bright wide winged words. Amen

First Lesson

Mathew 26:31-35, 69-75

A Reading from the Servant Girl

Sara Tyburczy

Second Lesson

Matthew 16:13-18, 21-23

A Reading from Peter

Fred Finke

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

(The Iona Community of Faith)

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and put us on the line; to bear responsibility, to take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen

Anthem

Come Follow Me

Sara Tyburczy & Dr. Jonathan Morris

Words by Sally Albrecht, Music by Jay Althouse

Prayer and 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.

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts

Hymn 726

The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me?)

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Dr. Jonathan Morris

Good Shepherd Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Sheri Fry
Choir Director: Sara Tyburczy

Office Admin: Teddie McConnell
Accompanist: Dr. Jonathan Morris

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.



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Sermon Musings



Every other Sunday during this Lenten season beginning with Sunday, February 28th we will be featuring two monologs each week with related readings from Scripture focusing on voices speaking in the “shadow of the cross.” We hope these characters come alive from the pages of the New Testament with passionate confessions: Pilate's anguish over his political manipulation in sentencing Jesus to death, Barabbas' confusion over Jesus' dying in his place and Jesus' mother Mary's heartache and hope to name a few.

The characters for this week are the Servant Girl read by Sara Tyburczy and Peter read by Fred Finke. The servant girl's narration of Peter's denial complements Peter's own testimony of turning his back on Christ the night before his

crucifixion. I will be preaching on March 7 and our monologs will return on March 14. The Worship team hopes you enjoy these offerings.

InstaLent Photo Invitation

It's not too late to join the Good Shepherd photo challenge throughout the Lenten season. Take a picture on your phone and email the church office with a photo that matches the theme of the day. Post a photo each day or when it works for you and encounter the themes of Lent on a visual, personal level.

2/25: Play

2/27: Mentor

3/1: What I'm praying for

2/26: Walk

2/28: My church

3/2: Letting Go

Wednesday Worship in Lent

If you need some mid-week spiritual encouragement, I hope you'll consider accessing our on-line Taize style worship service on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. You will enjoy beautiful music, prayer, and some thoughts to ponder. Hope to see your virtual presence!

Peace, Sheri



Joys and Concerns

Jan passed away on February 4th. Please pray for Art ; for the Bennett family who are grieving the loss of Diana's parents; for Wava V. is home now and on hospice care; Patty Steward's cousin Kenny and family; for Corey (friend of Sara's) who lost his younger brother, sister, and mother; the family of Barb W., who is now living with her daughter due to severe Alzheimer's disease; for the family of Burton K., who is in memory care and hospice care; Pee Wee and the family of Sue H.; Norm R.'s family, for Bill and Gayle, H.; for Michelle W; for Teddie; for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area.

Good Shepherd Financial Update

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused grief and hardship for many people in the world and in our community, and we continue to pray that you and your loved ones are well physically, mentally, and financially. The Finance Work Group at Good Shepherd wants to keep you fully informed about our church's financial situation, plans for the next year, and to recognize the changed circumstances some of you may be facing.



To date we have received \$106,550 in 2021 pledges with 36 pledging units and \$1,550.00 in donations. We thank you very much for your presence with us and how you share your time, talent and treasure..

Our current pledges will not meet our operating budget. We believe there are a few reasons for this; one was our transition last spring to on-line services, resulting in changes to giving patterns, as well as in our expenses and rental income. The second is the general economic situation that will have ripple effects for some time to come. And finally, there are the changes to the financial situation of our members and friends.

We continue to make every effort to reduce our expenses, and we have applied for a 2021 PPP loan to help cover the church's expenses. We continue to pay our staff, bills and to receive income from pledges, donations, and our sanctuary renter. We also continue to provide pastoral care including weekly virtual worship services and our Wednesday night Lenten Taizé service.

We continue to support, grow and revitalize ourselves and our community through our Food Bank Ministry, our COVID vaccination clinic partnering with the Colorado Department of Health and Environment, the Safe Parking Program with the city of Northglenn for people experiencing homelessness, our Adult Education on-line and in-person conversations, our blooming relationship with immigrant families in our area and with Vantage Point High School, our music & worship program and possible Saturday night new worshipping community AND continued commitment to local and global mission. These programs are a powerful testimony of how your support makes a difference as we boldly live out our faith together.

Whether you are a long-time supporter or considering your first gift to Good Shepherd, it's important you know why your gift matters. The accumulative total of our financial pledge's account for 85% of the Good Shepherd operating budget. The gifts contribute to the transformational mission of the church, allowing Good Shepherd to show up in these uncertain times.

If you have not sent your pledge form in, we invite you to do so. Please contact Joyce Matthews, our treasurer, if you have any questions or need a pledge form.

I continue to offer deep gratitude to you all for your commitments to Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. I remain with much hope, light and love for this faith community.

Peace, Sheri

Rev. Sheri Fry
Interim Pastor

Lyn Hull, Dick Kelly, Joyce Matthews,
Noel Matthews, Brian Pendleton
Finance Work Group

Lenten Book Study – Adult Education Opportunity

WEDNESDAYS @ 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall – March 3-24

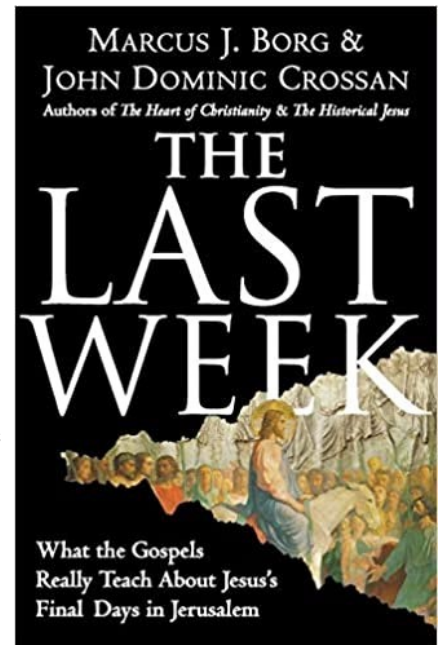
Bring your lunch & I will provide beverages!

The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem

Using the gospel of Mark as their guide authors Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan join together to reveal a radical and little-known Jesus and they present a day-by-day account of Jesus's final week of life.

This book is easily ordered on Amazon for \$10.99 in paperback. I have a few copies of the book in the church office if you would like to purchase the book from Good Shepherd.

Please read the first TWO (2) chapters of this book and come prepared to share your thoughts.



COVID VACCINE CLINIC AT GOOD SHEPHERD

The Colorado Department of Health and Environment has asked Good Shepherd to partner with them in offering a COVID Vaccination Clinic on MARCH 8, 2021.

If you would like to sign up for the vaccine or know of others who need the vaccine, please contact Rev. Sheri Fry at Revmo25@gmail.com or 303-475-3883 to add your name to the list. You MUST be on the schedule to receive the vaccine on March 8.

The current vaccine phase is 1B.2. You can access more information at this link to learn about who is currently being vaccinated. Identification will NOT be asked for when you come to the clinic.

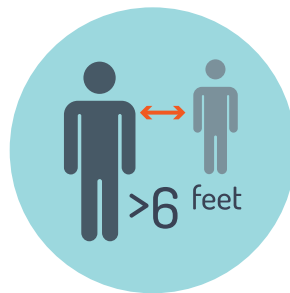
<https://covid19.colorado.gov/for-coloradans/vaccine/vaccine-for-coloradans>

The Food Bank needs donations of pet food and toilet paper the most, then hand soap and other toiletry items, laundry detergent, and large-size diapers.



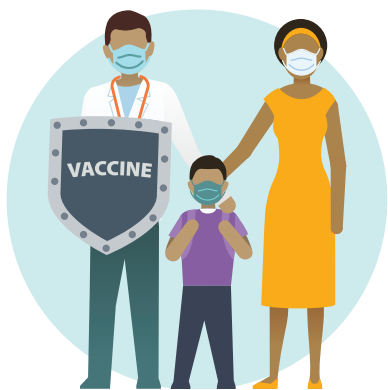
What to Expect Handout

Vaccines (shots) are one of the tools we have to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.



To stop this pandemic, we need to use all of our prevention tools. Vaccines are one of the most effective tools to protect your health and prevent disease. Vaccines work with your body's natural defenses so **your body will be ready to fight the virus**, if you are exposed (also called immunity). Other steps, like wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth and staying at least 6 feet away from other people you don't live with, also help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Studies show that COVID-19 **vaccines are very effective** at keeping you from getting COVID-19. Experts also think that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19. These vaccines cannot give you the disease itself.



The vaccines are safe. The U.S. vaccine safety system makes sure that all vaccines are as safe as possible. All the COVID-19 vaccines that are being used have gone through the same safety tests and meet the same standards as any other vaccines produced through the years. A system in place across the entire country that allows CDC to watch for safety issues and make sure the vaccines stay safe.

Different types of COVID-19 vaccines will be available.

Most of these vaccines are given in two shots, one at a time and spaced apart. The first shot gets your body ready. The second shot is given at least three weeks later to make sure you have full protection. If you are told you need two shots, make sure that you get both of them. The vaccines may work in slightly different ways, but all types of the vaccines will help protect you.



www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines



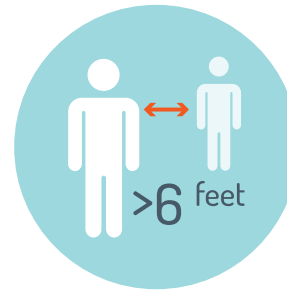
The vaccines may cause side effects in some people, like sore muscles, feeling tired, or mild fever. These reactions mean the vaccine is working to help teach your body how to fight COVID-19 if you are exposed. For most people, these side effects will last no longer than a day or two.

Having these types of side effects does NOT mean that you have COVID-19. If you have questions about your health after your shot, call your doctor, nurse, or clinic. As with any medicine, it is rare but possible to have a serious reaction, such as not being able to breathe. It is very unlikely that this will happen, but if it does, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.



When you get the vaccine, you *and* your healthcare worker will both need to wear masks.

CDC recommends that during the pandemic, people wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth when in contact with others outside their household, when in healthcare facilities, and when receiving any vaccine, including a COVID-19 vaccine.



Even after you get your vaccine, you will need to keep wearing a mask that covers your nose **and** mouth, washing your hands often, and staying at least 6 feet away from other people you do not live with. This gives you and others the best protection from catching the virus. Right now, experts don't know how long the vaccine will protect you, so it's a good idea to continue following the guidelines from CDC and your health department. **We also know not everyone will be able to get vaccinated right away, so it's still important to protect yourself and others.**