

A Service for the Lord's Day March 7 2021 ~ 10:00 am 3rd 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.

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

"What if we thoughtfully shift from considering church a place we go to for some experience of God, to imagining church as a place we're sent from in order to meet, and partner with, God in everyday life."

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Sheri Fry

Call to Worship

Leader: Again and again,

All: We come to this space.

Leader: Again and again,

All: We gather as a community.

Leader: Again and again,

All: We move closer to God.

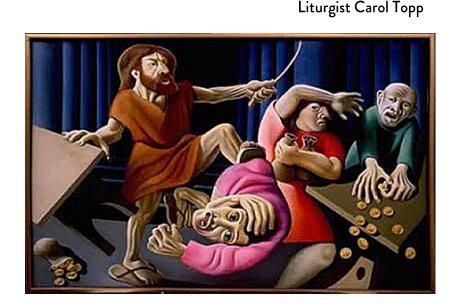
Leader: And again and again,

All: God is here.
Leader: We are met.
All: We are heard.

Leader: We are shown the way.

All: So again and again,

Let us worship holy God.



Lighting of the Christ Candle (unison)

Carol Topp

It is God, in the dawning, in the renewal, in the arrival, in the new day. Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life and let the light we kindle go before us, strong in hope, wide in good will, inviting the day to come.

Hymn 402 How Lovely, Lord (next page)

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

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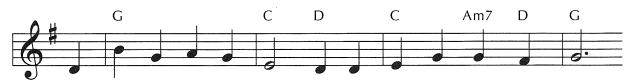
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How Lovely, Lord

(Psalm 84)



- 1 How love ly, Lord, how love ly is your a bid ing place;
- 2 In your blest courts to wor ship, O God, a sin gle day
- 3 A sun and shield for ev er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long-ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace. is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray. you show-er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest; I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



us with - in and your tem - ple calls its walls rest. rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford. from their life shall riv o - ver - flow. ers of bless - ing

The author of this text, a Presbyterian minister and educator, was humming this tune as he began to create a paraphrase of Psalm 84 that would emphasize the beauty and peace of God's house. The tune is named for the composer's oldest sister, who was his first piano teacher.

Lessonfor the Day John 2:13-22

Sermon Holy Anger Rev. Sheri Fry

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Carol Topp

We believe in an inviting God who invites the poor and the sick, the outcast and the lonely, the immigrant and the refugee, the awkward and the abrasive, the young and the innocent. We believe God invites the best and the worst – in all of us. We believe God invites us to: a life of faith, a crowded table, a messy church, a deeper truth, a resilient joy, a place to belong, a family of strangers, a world that is just, and a love that knows no bounds. We believe this invitation exists for all people. We believe this invitation exists for us. And when we miss the call or ignore the invite, we believe that God invites us again. Thanks be to God for that inviting Spirit. Amen

Anthem

My Savior and My God by Jay Althouse and Ralph E. Hudson Dr. Jonathan Morris & Sara Tyburczy

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.

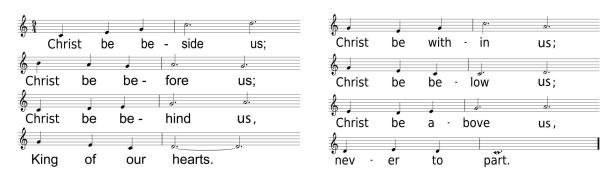
Offering Ourselves and our Gifts

Hymn 625 How Great Thou Art (next page)

Charge and Benediction

Sung Benediction

Christ Be Beside Us



Good Shepherd Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Sheri Fry Choir Director: Sara Tyburczy Office Admin: Teddie McConnell Accompanist: Dr. Jonathan Morris





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Sermon Musings

John 2:13-22

This is such a familiar text! Jesus sweeping into the temple with his holy anger. We don't know precisely what has Jesus so riled up; after all, particularly with Passover drawing near, there are transactions that need to take place in the temple. As Jesus enters, he sees those who are attending to the business involved in the necessary ritual sacrifices, but he seems to feel it has become simply that: a business. Commercial transaction has overtaken divine interaction. So, time for a clearing out, a return to congruence between form and function, to the integrity of the purpose for which the temple was created: to serve as a place of meeting between God and God's people.

Jesus then makes a remarkable claim: that he himself is the temple, and his claim stuns his listeners! Jesus carries the temple in his bones. Within the space of his own body that will die, that will rise, that he will offer to us, a living liturgy.

We will see the ways that Jesus uses his body to evoke and provoke, how he will offer his body with all its significations and possibilities as a habitation, a place of meeting, a site of worship. Calling his disciples, at the Last Supper, to abide in him: opening his body on the cross; reforming his flesh in the resurrection; offering his wounds to Thomas like a portal, a passageway: Jesus presents a body that is radically physical yet also carries many interpretations in its meanings.



The wonder and mystery of this gospel story, and of Jesus' life, lie not only in how he gives his body as a sacred space but also how he calls us to be his body in our world.

The season of Lent asks us to consider the things we need to clear out in order to have the congruence to which Christ invites us. Who helps you recognize what you need to let go of in order to be more present to the God who seeks sanctuary in you?

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.

3/3 Healing 3/4 Thankful 3/5 Rest 3/6 Acts of Service 3/7 Friendship 3/8: Neighbor 3/9 Welcome

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



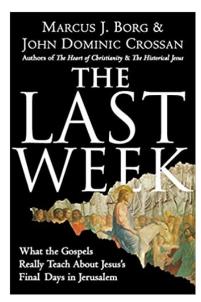
Lenten Book Study – Adult Education Opportunity
WEDNESDAYs @ 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall – March 3-24
Bring your lunch & I will provide beverages!

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, with the second dose on April 5th...

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



Highlands Camp and Retreat Center is looking for volunteers to help plan and construct a Mountain Bike Park in the old horse corral. We have new bikes and helmets, and now need some ideas and expertise for the bike park. If you are willing to help plan and/or build, contact Maria Schupe at Highlands or Mary Kennedy at Good Shepherd.

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. In February the food bank served 80 households totaling 260 Individuals. Of those, 81 were children.



Joys and Concerns

Please pray for Art and his family, grieving the loss of Jan; for the Bennett family who are grieving the loss of Diana's parents; for Wava V. is home now and on hospice care; 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..