Offering

Offertory

Spread a Little Joy by Otis Skillings

Pickup Choir

Doxology #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

Closing Hymn #295

Go to the World!

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Sheri Fry

Benediction and Response

Postlude



Please join us for coffee and treats downstairs after church.

Also today: 11:15 - 12:30 Book, Conversation and Lunch with Pastor Sheri in the Fellowship Hall... Borders & Belonging - The Book of Ruth: A Story for Our Times.

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A Service for the Lord's Day August 22, 2021 ~ 10:00 am 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison. Parts with an **asterisk** * mean that all are to stand in body or in spirit.

GATHERING TOGETHER

As the music begins, we invite you to use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here. Take these few minutes to silently prepare for worship and allow the Spirit to refresh you.

Prayer of the Day

Sacred Mystery, we know the logic of empire influences our thoughts. Make vivid imagery beyond that of battle fields, breastplates, and waging war. Teach us of ecosystems and of solidarity. School us in softness, intimacy, and soulful communication. Empower us as we seek your wisdom so we may live a life of emboldened peace. Amen.

Gathering Music Reggie Berg

Welcome Rev. Sheri Fry

Introit Reggie Berg

Call to Worship Liturgist Dick Kelly

One: Sometimes life takes us where we don't expect.

All: Sometimes, God takes us where we don't expect.

One: In worship, we gather to get in touch with God's bigger story.

All: In worship, we gather to expand our hearts. Let us worship the God of unending surprises and love.

Lighting the Christ Candle (unison)

Dick Kelly

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.

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*Opening Hymn #385

All People that on Earth do Dwell

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Sheri Fry

Creator God, being faithful has never been easy. You asked the prophets to speak challenging truths. You asked the disciples to drop their nets and follow you. And you ask us to love bigger than society wants to. Being faithful has never been easy, and we often miss the mark. Forgive us for holding tightly to human-made plans. Unravel the grip we have on our agenda so that we can make room for you. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love

Rev. Sheri Fry

One: What marvelous love, what wondrous grace, what abundant mercy God offers to us! We are God's people.

All: We are God's children those whose lives have been changed by the One who loves us and forgives us. Thanks be to God. Amen

*Response of Praise

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Dick Kelly

That our hearts would be open to you, O God. That we may release every defense against your Spirit's guidance. That we would receive the wisdom you intend for us. May it be so. Amen.

First Lesson

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

Dick Kelly

Leader: Listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking to the church.

Thanks be to God. All:



Somebody's Praying Sara Love & Chuck Stevenson Anthem

by Ricky Scaggs

Second Lesson John 6:56-69 Rev. Sheri Fry

Sermon A Perfect Church? Rev. Sheri Fry

Moment of Silent Reflection

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Affirmation of Faith - A Celtic Creed (unison)

Dick Kelly

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life.

Amen

Call to Prayer

Reggie Berg

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Sheri Fry

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.

A GOOD FLUSH BEATS A FULL HOUSE!



Thank you very much for your generous donations for the sewer repair. We have raised \$3910 of the \$5,000 needed to date. We appreciate your generosity and continue to accept donations towards the repair of the sewer system.

Homelessness Community Task Force Listening Session
Aug. 26 | 6 p.m. | Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 10785 Melody Drive
All members & neighbors are invited to this meeting to learn about the homelessness
challenges we are facing in Northglenn. The City of Northglenn Homelessness
Community Task Force & other community members will share information and
recommendations. The community will have an opportunity to share their feedback and to
collaborate on possible solutions as well as discuss the Colorado Safe Parking Initiative.





August 29th, 6:00 pm

Join us for PB & J - Pizza,

Blues & Jazz! We've rounded up a delicious pizza place to serve you on Sunday night, with live blues, jazz & singing. Sink your teeth into heavenly slices of pizza pie, and bring your favorite beverage to wash it down with. Come groove to some live blues and jazz!

A few NOTES to make your visit a smooth one:

- Parking and entry are FREE.
- Lawn chairs and/or blankets are welcome on the patio and the lawn area. We will also have some chairs to sit upon.
- Food will be on-site.
- Leashed dogs will be allowed. Please bring appropriate waste removal tools!



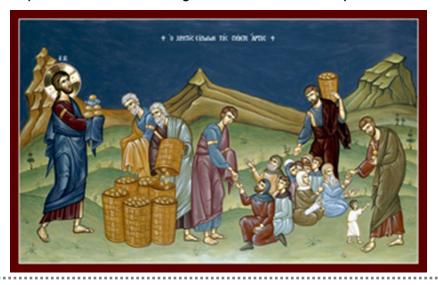
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Sermon musings

1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11, 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6-56-69

Our Scriptural texts for today illustrate a different level of our relatedness to God, particularly as it concerns how we take up residence with and into the divine. You might even notice a spectrum that begins with the ark being placed in the holiest and most inaccessible inner sanctuary all the way to our Creator taking up residence within us as we eat of divine flesh and blood. Through each movement, we are not parted from the divine, who continually moves and works throughout and within humanity.



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The Meals Ministry of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church exist to provide meals to people in need or crisis; to be a blessing to families who are welcoming a new child into their home; to be a comfort in time of loss and grief; to be a community outreach to the homeless and hungry; and to provide a tangible opportunity for church members to express their love and care for our church body and local community.

Meals provide a way for us to say, "we care and we support you through this difficult time" or as a way to celebrate the gift of new life. The Good Shepherd family understands that there may come a time when an individual or family experiences a particular hardship and needs the loving support of family, friends and the body of Christ.

If you are interested in PROVIDING a meal to a family in need please contact the church office at Office@thegoodshepherd.org or call 303-452-5478. Your name will be placed on a list and called/emailed as needed.

Plan your meal and have disposable pans and containers available so that nothing needs to be returned. Dietary restrictions will be provided

Let us know if YOUR family would be helped by the meal ministry or refer people who would be

helped by this ministry. We will bring hot meals to your door!

If you are interested in being part of the Meal Ministry or are in need of our services, please contact the church office. office@thegoodshepherd.org or 303-452-5478



Coffee hour needs YOU!

Coffee hour after church is a great opportunity to get to know each other better and catch up with friends. We need people to sign up to provide snacks and start the coffee before church so coffee hour will be a success. The sign up sheet is on the wall in the Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen. Please consider hosting this fellowship time.

Joys and Concerns

Please pray for those dealing with health issues: for Jane S.; for Gil and Karen Siebel; for Rheana and Bryan Gavagan; for Martha S.; for Maxine K; for Mary McCarron's friend, Joni; for Dawna S.; for all those grieving the loss of loved ones: for Julie K.'s family; ; Sue H.'s family; Sue C.'s family; the Burress' family; for Sara and Wendy; for Wava's family; for the families of Barb W. and of Burton K., who are in memory care; for Food Bank client Dustin K., who is having many problems; 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.

Here's What's Happening

August 25th - 2 pm - Teddie's book study in the Fellowship Hall

August 22nd, and 29th - 11:15 am - 12:30 pm - Sheri's book study with lunch

August 22nd The Pickup Choir will be rehearsing before church at 9:15 am

August 26th - Homelessness Community Taskforce Listening Session 6 pm here

August 28th - 9:30 am - Sue Holland Memorial Service

August 29th - Pizza, Jazz and Blues (PB&J) 6 pm



The Food Bank is now collecting donations of school supplies. Let's help the parents and the kids.



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