

Offering

Offertory

Reggie Berg

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 #717

*For the Life that You have Given*

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Sheri Fry

Postlude



Please join us for coffee and treats downstairs after church, hosted this week by Harley and Luitgard.

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 29, 2021 ~ 10:00 am  
14<sup>th</sup> 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

You are the love of each living creature O God. You are the warmth of the rising sun. You are the whiteness of the moon at night. You are the life of the growing earth. You are the strength of the waves of the sea. Speak to me this day O God speak to me your truth.  
Dwell with me this day O God dwell with me in love. ~John Phillip Newell

Gathering Music

Reggie Berg

Welcome

Rev. Sheri Fry

Introit

Reggie Berg

Call to Worship

Liturgist Paul Steward

One: Peace on each one who comes in need,  
**All: Peace on each one who comes in joy.**  
One: Peace on each one who offers prayers,  
**All: Peace on each one who offers song.**  
One: Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son,  
**All: Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.**

Lighting the Christ Candle (unison)

Paul Steward

**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.**

\*Prayer of Confession (unison) Rev. Sheri Fry

O God, you are always true to us in love and we are left wanting to say sorry for our faithlessness to you and to one another, for our forgetting of the disadvantaged and broken, for our failure to cherish creation. Give us life, O God, to change and enable us to change, that we may live.

\*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.**

Prayer for Illumination (unison) Paul Steward  
**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                      James 1:19-27 (The Message)                      Paul Steward

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

**All:    Thanks be to God.**

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Second Lesson	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (The Message)	Rev. Sheri Fry
Sermon	<i>An Invitation to You</i>	Rev. Sheri Fry
Moment of Silent Reflection		

Affirmation of Faith - *A Celtic Creed* (unison) Paul Steward

**We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit. We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong. With all creation we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

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 \$4085 of the \$5,000 needed to date. We appreciate your generosity and continue to accept donations towards the repair of the sewer system.

**PB&J**

Today at 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

*Song of Solomon 2:8-13*

*Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9*

*James 1:17-27*

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

The texts begin with a woman echoing the tender words of her beloved coming to meet her in a new season of regeneration and freedom. It is a picture of holiness - a rightness that the



other texts describe in varying terms, all concordant in their endorsements of righteous morality. Whether through a just and majestic leader, Israel's statutes and ordinances, God's divine dwelling, or Jesus' radically inclusive meals - the holiness of God is revealed by loving conduct.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:office@thegoodshepherd.org) or 303-452-5478



## 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

**Today** - 11:15 am - 12:30 pm - Sheri’s book study with lunch  
**Today** - Pizza, Blues and Jazz (PB&J) 6 pm  
**September 6<sup>th</sup>** - Office closed for Labor Day



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



## 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.