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) — Pastor Sheri Fry

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

*Closing Hymn #541 — *God Be with You Til We Meet Again*

SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

Blessing – Prayers of Thanks and Godspeed — Pastor Sheri Fry

In Appreciation of the ministries of David Blount and Reggie Berg

*Charge and Benediction — Pastor Sheri Fry

Postlude — Reggie Berg

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GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service for the Lord's Day
September 26 2021 ~ 10:00 am
18th 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 want a door you can be on both sides of at once. You want to be on both sides of here and there, now and then, together and what did we call the life we would wish back? The old life? The before? But any open space may be a threshold, an arch of entering and leaving. Crossing a field, wading through nothing but timothy grass, imagine yourself passing from and into.
Passing through doorway after doorway after doorway.
~ Maggie Smith

Gathering Music — Reggie Berg

Welcome — Rev. Sheri Fry

Introit — Reggie Berg

*Call to Worship (unison) — Liturgist Patty Steward

To you, our creator, our mother and father, beloved beginning
To you, our sustainer, our shepherd and guide, beloved embrace
To you, our redeemer, our teacher and savior, beloved Path
To you, beloved God, we offer our devotion and our praise. Amen

Lighting the Christ Candle (unison)

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.

*Opening Hymn #401 *Here in this Place (Gather Us In)*

*Prayer of Confession (unison) Rev. Sheri Fry

Loving God of creation and salvation, we are created in your image, full of infinite possibility for good and evil, healing and hurting. We confess that we have not always answered your call for truth, for mercy, for love and kindness, for respect of self and others. We have not walked the paths you have shown us, we have turned away from the struggle for life, we have at times forgotten you. O God of love and of caring, we acknowledge our shortcomings. We invite you into the root-bound places in our lives, that our hearts might be open to healing and new growth. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love Rev. Sheri Fry

*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) Patty Steward

Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light in your truth and in your will discover peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Lesson Psalm 124 Patty Steward

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Spirit, Open my Heart*

By Ruth Duck and Alfred V. Fedak

Chancel Choir with Becky Musgrove and Joyce Matthews on bells

Second Lesson Mark 9:38-50

Rev. Sheri Fry

Sermon *It Would be Better for You…*

Moment of Silent Reflection

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Affirmation of Faith (unison) Patty Steward

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Call to Prayer Reggie Berg

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Unison) 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.

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts

Let us bring forth our offerings that we might offer a way to one another. Through our giving and receiving, let us illuminate the path to collective thriving.

9/30/21

Jazzert Concert II

6:30 - 8:00 pm

FEATURING OUR PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS:

Pianist Reggie Berg, Singer Sara Love, and Sax Player Matt Burchard.

Come on down for a free night of jazz and dessert. The theme is a replay of the old "speakeasys" with (root) beer or (sparkling cider) champagne.

Just for fun, you could wear an outfit or bring a prop.
Ladies, you might wear a feather headband or your long beads or pearls.
If you want to go all out, wear your flapper dress and your T-strap heels.
Gentlemen, you got any knicker pants with tall socks? How about your pinstripe suit vest? You could wear a derby, newsboy hat, or a Panama hat.

Or just come as you are for the music and fun.

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SUNDAY MUSINGS

A threshold is not a simple boundary.
it is a frontier that divides two different territories, rhythms and atmospheres.
Indeed, it is a lovely testimony to the fullness and integrity of an experience
or a stage of life that it intensifies towards the end into a real frontier
that cannot be crossed without the heart being passionately engaged and woken up.
At this threshold a great complexity of emotion comes alive:
confusion, fear, excitement, sadness, hope.
This is one reason why such vital crossings were always clothed in ritual.
It is wise in your own life to be able to recognize and acknowledge the key thresholds:
to take your time, to feel all the varieties of presence that accrue there,
to listen inwards with complete attention
until you hear the inner voice calling you forward.
The time has come to cross.
To acknowledge and cross a new threshold is always a challenge.
It demands courage and also a sense of trust in whatever is emerging.
This becomes essential when a threshold opens suddenly in front of you,
one for which you had no preparation.
This could be illness, suffering or loss.

Because we are so engaged with the world,
we usually forget how fragile life can be and how vulnerable we always are.
It takes only a couple of seconds for a life to change irreversibly.
Suddenly you stand on completely strange ground
and a new course of life has to be embraced.
Especially at such times we desperately need blessing and protection.
You look back at the life you have lived up to a few hours before,
and it suddenly seems so far away.
Think for a moment how, across the world, someone's life has just changed –
irrevocably, permanently, and not necessarily for the better –
and everything that was once so steady, so reliable, must now find a new way of unfolding.
Though we know one another's names and recognize one another's faces,
we never know what destiny shapes each life.
The script of individual destiny is secret.
it is hidden behind and beneath the sequence of happenings
that is continually unfolding for us.
Each life is a mystery that is never finally available to the mind's light or questions.
That we are here is a huge affirmation; somehow life needed us and wanted us to be.
To sense and trust this primeval acceptance can open a vast spring of trust within the heart.
It can free us into a natural courage that casts out fear and opens up our lives
to become voyages of discovery, creativity, and compassion.
No threshold need be a threat, but rather an invitation and a promise.
Whatever comes, the great sacrament of life will remain faithful to us,
blessing us always with visible signs of invisible grace.
We merely need to trust.
~ John Donohue, "Benedictus"

TRUST IN GOD'S GRACE

Joys and Concerns

Former member Steve Wilson passed away on Monday September 20th in Georgia. Please keep his friends, family, his wife Megan, their three children as well as Megan's mother Nancy in your thoughts and prayers. Please also pray for those dealing with health issues: for Jane S.; for Gil and Karen Siebel; for Maxine K; for Norma, Teddie's mom; 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; Barb W.'s family; and for Burton K., who is in memory care;
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 - Farewell and Hello reception/lunch after church
September 29 - Choir Practice 7 - 8:15 pm
September 30 - Jazzert II 6:30 - 8:00

Last Chance to Donate to the ZMP Fundraiser

The golf tournament, held on Sept. 1 at Arrowhead Golf Course, was a huge success! The auction is open for one more week to donate for specific items or the clinic. You may donate through Good Shepherd by indicating on your check that it is for the HCOC. If you choose to designate for a particular need, please also note that on your check

New Church Directories!

A brand new set of directories are ready to pick up in the narthex. Please let the office know of any additions or corrections. Thanks!

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