

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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10:00 AM Service
Holy Communion



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Services: Sunday - 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday - 10 AM • Saturday - 5 PM

Our Sunday services are livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **All** Everyone

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Alleluia from Exsultate, Jubilate

W.A. Mozart
Isabelle Schueler, Cello

[Please maintain reverent silence during the prelude.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please remain seated.]

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

- Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
- There is one Body and one Spirit;
- There is one hope in God's call to us;**
- One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
- One God and Father of all.**

THE GATHERING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves

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[Please stand when invited.]

***Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.***

***Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.***

***Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also with you.**

☞ Let us pray..... O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading:

☞ *The First Reading is taken from Exodus, Chapter 3...*

Moses was taking care of the flock for his father-in-law Jethro, Midian's priest. He led his flock out to the edge of the desert, and he came to God's mountain called Horeb. The Lord's messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but it didn't burn up.

Then Moses said to himself, Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't burning up.

When the Lord saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!"

Moses said, "I'm here."

Then the Lord said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground." He continued, "I am the God of your father, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I've clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I've heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain. I've come down to rescue them from the Egyptians in order to take them out of that land and bring them to a good and broad land, a land that's full of milk and honey, a place where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites all live. Now the Israelites' cries of injustice have reached me. I've seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. So get going. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I to go to Pharaoh and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

God said, "I'll be with you. And this will show you that I'm the one who sent you. After you bring the people out of Egypt, you will come back here and worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, “If I now come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they are going to ask me, ‘What’s this God’s name?’ What am I supposed to say to them?”

God said to Moses, “I Am Who I Am. So say to the Israelites, ‘I Am has sent me to you.’” God continued, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, Abraham’s God, Isaac’s God, and Jacob’s God, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever; this is how all generations will remember me.”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Metrical Psalm 105

Tune: *O For a Thousand Tongues*

[Please remain seated.]

***Give thanks and praise, make known God’s Name And deeds to everyone;
Sing praise, sing praise and tell of all The wonders God has done.***

***Let hearts that seek the Lord be glad And glory in God’s grace;
Seek for the Lord and all God’s strength, Seek constantly God’s face.***

***Remember all the wonders and The judgments God made known,
O Abraham and Sarah’s heirs, Those chosen as God’s own.***

The Second Reading

📖 *The Second Reading is taken from Romans, chapter 12...*

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don’t hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you’re in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God’s people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don’t curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don’t think that you’re better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don’t think that you’re so smart. Don’t pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. Don’t try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath. It is written, *Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back, says the Lord. Instead, If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head.* Don’t be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

***God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah!***

Repeat

***Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.***

***God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah!***

Repeat

The Gospel

Ⓓ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

☞ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Ⓓ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and legal experts, and that he had to be killed and raised on the third day. Then Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him: "God forbid, Lord! This won't happen to you."

But he turned to Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are a stone that could make me stumble, for you are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will find them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? For the Human One is about to come with the majesty of his Father with his angels. And then he will repay each one for what that person has done. I assure you that some standing here won't die before they see the Human One coming in his kingdom."

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Becky Robbins-Penniman

[Please be seated.]

THE SERMON HYMN

[Please stand.]

Here I Am, Lord

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who swell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

Refrain

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain*

THE NICENE CREED

☩ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please sit, stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- Ⓓ Let us pray to God, who is made known in Jesus Christ:
- ℒ Father of all, let all the world be saved through your Son. Let our president, and all rulers and authorities, seek and see your kingdom so that peace may reign in our time.
- ☩ **As your Son taught us, we pray for our enemies.**
- ℒ God of the Prophets, we thank you for calling all people to be righteous, justifying us with the free gift of your grace. Let this parish be a place where your testimony is received, where guests find a welcome, and where all are born anew of the Spirit.
- ☩ **Give strength to your church as together, trusting in you and supporting each other, we proclaim your kingdom with our lives.**
- ℒ Restoring God, there are many who may feel lost or even condemned as they endure trouble and illness. We ask for your healing to lift up and comfort [*names in notebook*] and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts [*leave time ...*], as well as all others who suffer.
- ☩ **God of Light and Life, help us to be the answer to the prayers of those who cry out to you.**
- ℒ Lord God, we give you thanks for the blessings we received from your hand each day, especially the flowers given today by the loving parishioners of COGS in honor of Gus and Becky's retirement. We love you. We thank you. We wish you Godspeed. Also, for the birthdays this coming week of Michelle Schombs, Alan Mackay, Joe Hecker, Pat Cates and Shirley Verbal, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week: Bill & Diana Raymond, and John & Sheila Scott. We rejoice in the knowledge that all good gifts around us come from your loving hand.
- ☩ **We ask for one more thing, Holy God: give us grateful hearts.**
- ℒ Lord of Eternal Life, we ask your mercy on all those who have died, especially [*names in notebook*] and those on our hearts this day [*leave time for people to give names, silently or aloud. . .*]. Let your grace and power give life to the dead and call into existence the things that do not exist.
- ☩ **We ask also that your comfort and strength surround all who grieve, whether their loss is new and raw, or has been a painful reality for many years.**
- ℒ Bless us to be a blessing.
- ☩ **Holy Spirit, fill our hearts this day and every day so that we live our lives in ways that honor your image in us, our baptism in you, and our connection with each other. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

Ⓓ We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *[Silence is kept.]*
Have mercy upon us,

Ⓔ **most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Ⓔ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Ⓔ **Amen.**

THE ENDING OF A PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

[Please be seated.]

Ⓔ On the 2nd day of June, 2011, after serving eight months as the Priest in Charge, I was inducted by Bishop Dabney Smith as rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd ends this day. This ending comes with a re-commitment to the promise I made to God's people some nine years ago: to continue to devote myself to my Lord and to God's service in body, soul, and spirit, but in ways different than while serving as your Rector. My plans for the future are to care for my beloved parents, to be the best possible wife to Gus, mother to my two adult children and their spouses and, especially, grandmother to my growing brood of grandchildren. I am also being led to explore a variety of skills, gifts, and interests that God has given to me, and which I will endeavor to employ in ways that glorify God.

Ⓑ Do you, the people of the Church of the Good Shepherd, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

Ⓔ **We do.**

Ⓔ To the Wardens of this Congregation, I thank you both for your support, wisdom, honesty, and very, very hard work. As a symbol of the conclusion of my pastoral relationship, I entrust to you the Parish Registry, which is a record of the life of this parish including baptisms, confirmations, and receptions, the roster of members over time, those who have been married here, and those who have left us to enter into the nearer presence of God. In giving you this registry, I am asking you to care for and about God's people in this church family until you, in turn, entrust this same book to your new Rector.

[Time is left for additional comments.]

THE PRAYERS OF THE PARISH FAMILY

[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]

- L** Let us pray for this parish family, and for all whose lives are touched by the joys and sorrows we have shared during ten years serving God together. O God,
- All** **you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to be an outpost of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.**

Silence

- L** We thank you . . .
- All** **for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.**

Silence

- L** We thank you . . .
- All** **for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.**

Silence

- L** We thank you . . .
- All** **for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.**

Silence

- L** Now, we pray,
- All** **be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand. **During this time of social distancing**, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and "the Peace of the Lord be with you," will do nicely.]

- P** The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ☞ Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

[Please be seated. The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]

OFFERTORY

Arioso

J.S. Bach

[Please be seated.]

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

[Please stand when invited by the Deacon.]

- ☞ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

***For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.***

***For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

- ☞ The Lord be with you.
☛ **And also with you.**
- ☞ Lift up your hearts.
☛ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- ☞ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
☛ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,** S125
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

P Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

P We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

P After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

P And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

C **Dying, you destroyed our death.**

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

P Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

C **Blessed are you now and for ever.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☞ And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
☞ **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- ☞ We break this Bread to share in the Body of Christ.
☞ **Though we are many, we are one body, for we all share in the one Bread.**
☞ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. **During this time of social distancing, we need to approach the altar rail one at a time.** Small cups with a wafer and wine will be on the altar rail. Please pick them up and consume them in turn when the server invites you to with the words, "The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven" and "The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." Place the cups you used into the basket on the altar rail. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]*

THE CHANT

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

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***Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.***

***Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.***

***Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.***

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

P Let us pray...

G God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

SPECIAL VIDEO PRESENTATION OF OUR PARISH FAMILY'S LIFE WITH PASTOR BECKY & GUS

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

P Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the love of God to you.

The blessing of our Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be upon you now and forever.

G Amen.

THE SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

***Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.***

***The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.***

***The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God for and for all.***

***Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.***

With praise and thanksgiving to God everliving

the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face –

***our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.***

***With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.***

***Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.***

THE DISMISSAL

☐ Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE

The Heavens Are Telling

F.J. Hayden

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	Becky Robbins-Penniman
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