

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

We Welcome Our Guests

The Good Shepherd faith community welcomes those who are visitors. Your presence and participation in our worship service is a blessing to us all. All are welcome, whoever you are, just as you are!

At The Church of the Good Shepherd, we do not pass a collection plate during our Services. Please place your pledge payments or donations, in support of the ministries of the church, in the offering boxes located at the entrances of the Church. You may do this either before or after the Service. Thank you for your financial support, which allows the message of God's love and acceptance to shine forth through the ministries and services of our Good Shepherd community.

Good Shepherd's Sunday School

Sunday School is held during the first half of our 10am Sunday Service, on the first and third Sunday of the month. All Sunday School volunteers have undergone CORI background checks and received training, including the Safe Church training required by the Episcopal Church for all those who work with children. ***Sunday School is closed for the summer. It will reopen on September 7.***

Good Shepherd's Sunday Nursery

Children of all ages are always welcome at our Sunday Services. Good Shepherd operates a nursery on Sunday from 9:50 –11:10am for infants and children through kindergarten (age 5-6) for those who wish to use it. The nursery is staffed by two adults who have completed Safe Church Training and a CORI background check. ***The Sunday Nursery is closed for the summer. It will reopen on September 7.***

For more information about our Good Shepherd Community please go to our website at www.goodshepherdwareham.org or scan the QR Code here.



Again, thank you for blessing us with your presence and participation this morning!

ASSISTING MINISTERS			
August 10, 2025		August 17, 2025	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
<u>READERS:</u> KAREN CLARK	<u>READERS:</u> SG PRESTON SCOOTER HOLCOMBE	<u>READERS:</u> JOELLA CRUZ	<u>READERS:</u> CECILY KOST JO-ANN FINN
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song *(10am Service)*

"All That is Hidden"
(please stand as you are able)

(see page 9)

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Service Introduction

The Confession

Deacon:

Remembering that we are loved and that we sometimes fall short in following Jesus' commandment to love one another, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People:

**Most merciful God,
we confess of the ways we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
For the times we have not loved you with our whole heart;
and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. *Amen.***

Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Opening Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Together, let us pray.

**Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.***

(please be seated)

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:12-22

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 33 responsively by half verse

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven, *

and beholds all the people in the world.

¹⁴ From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *

on all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵ He fashions all the hearts of them *

and understands all their works.

- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation:

“Alleluia”

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(10AM Service only)

(please stand as you are able)

Refrain: All

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia. lu - ia!

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those servants.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel Acclamation (10AM Service)

Repeat Gospel Acclamation Refrain once (page 3)

The Message *(please be seated)*

The Prayers of the People *(please stand as you are able)*

Leader: God in your love for us.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us take a moment to turn and share a sign of peace with those around us. If you do not wish to shake hands, simply fold your hands in front of you and say, "Peace be with you." We will then pray together the Prayer of St. Francis.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Presider and People:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Announcements *(please be seated)*

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Anthem:
(10AM Service)

"This Place in My Heart"

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Words of Praise

Presider and People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Memorial Acclamation

Presider & People:

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider and People:

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

Presider: We who break this bread, share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body in Christ.**

Communion

All are invited to receive communion, no exceptions. Please come to the front of the church as directed by the hospitality minister. To receive the communion bread, please extend your hands, one on top of the other, with your palms up. To receive from the communion cup you may dip the communion wafer into the wine in the cup or take the cup into your hands and drink from it. The response to receiving communion is "Amen". If you need to have communion brought to you, please inform the hospitality minister. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please inform the priest when you come up for communion.

(please be seated after receiving communion)

Communion Song:
(10AM Service)

"Earthen Vessels"

(see page 10)

The Prayer after Communion *(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Together let us pray.

Presider and People:

**God of unbounded love and compassion,
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
May this time of worship transform our hearts,
as we go forth to proclaim in word and deed
your message of love;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

People's Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Concluding Song:
(10AM Service)

"Blest Be The Lord"

(see page 8)

"Blest Be The Lord"

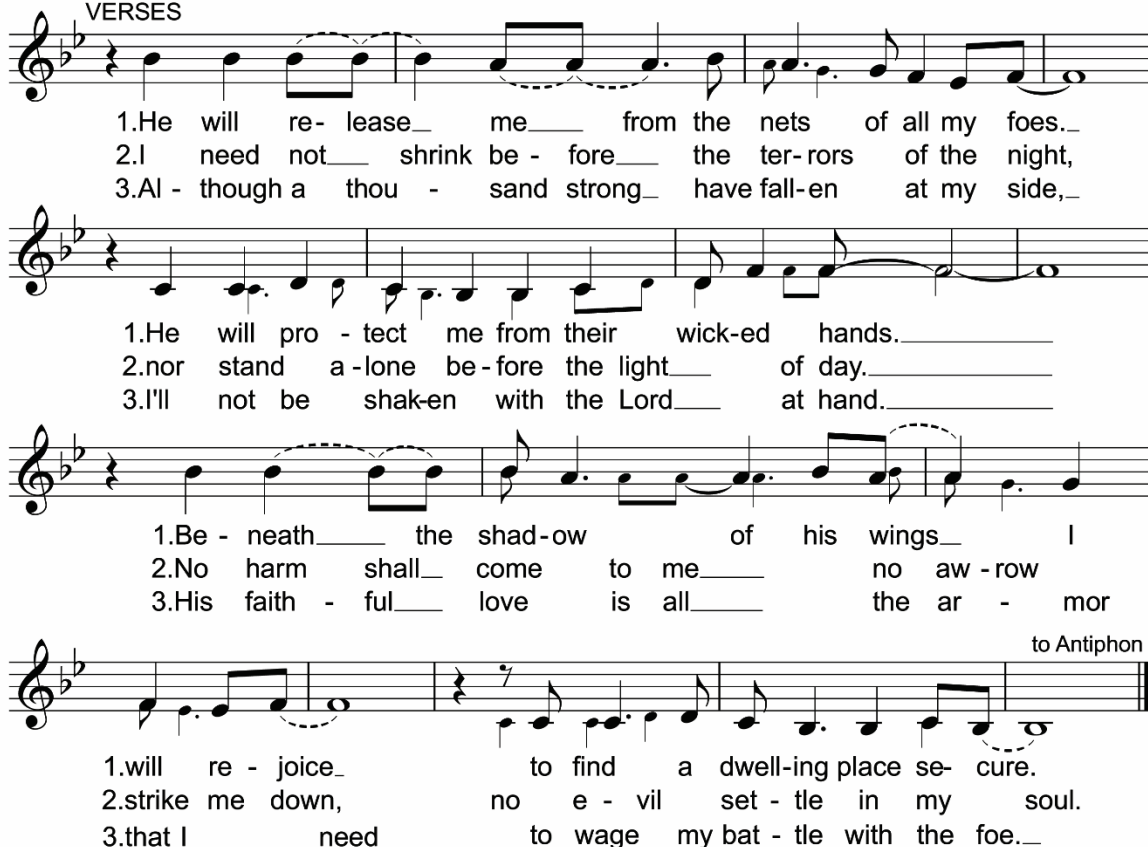
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Blest be the Lord;_ blest be the Lord,_ the God of
mer - cy, the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of
night, nor the ar - row_____ that flies by day._____

VERSES



1.He will re- lease_ me_ from the nets of all my foes._
2.I need not_ shrink be - fore_ the ter - rors of the night,
3.Al - though a thou - sand strong_ have fall-en at my side,_

1.He will pro - tect me from their wick-ed hands._____
2.nor stand a - lone be - fore the light_ of day._____
3.I'll not be shak-en with the Lord_ at hand._____

1.Be - neath_____ the shad-ow of his wings_ I
2.No harm shall_ come to me_ no aw - row
3.His faith - ful_ love is all_____ the ar - mor

1.will re - joice_ to find a dwell-ing place se- cure.
2.strike me down, no e - vil set - tle in my soul.
3.that I need to wage my bat - tle with the foe._

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VERSES



1. If you would fol - low me, _____ fol - low where life will lead:
2. If you would hon - or me, _____ hon - or the least of these:
3. If you would speak of me, _____ live all your life in me:
4. If you would rise with me, _____ rise through your des - ti - ny:



1. _____ do not look for me a - mong the dead, _____ for I am
2. you will not find me dressed in fin - er - y. _____ My Word cries
3. my ways are not the ways that you would choose; _____ my thoughts are
4. do not re - fuse the death which brings you life, _____ for as the



1. hid - den in pain, _____ ris - en in love; _____ there is no
2. out to be heard; _____ breaks through the world: _____ my Word is
3. far be - yond yours, _____ as heav - en from earth: _____ if you be -
4. grain in the earth _____ must die for re - birth, _____ so I have

REFRAIN *More Vigorous*



1. har - vest with - out sow - ing of grain. _____
2. on your lips and lives in your heart. _____
3. lieve in me my voice will be heard. _____
4. plant - ed your life deep with - in mine. _____

All that is hid - den _____



will be made clear. All that is dark now _____ will be re - vealed.

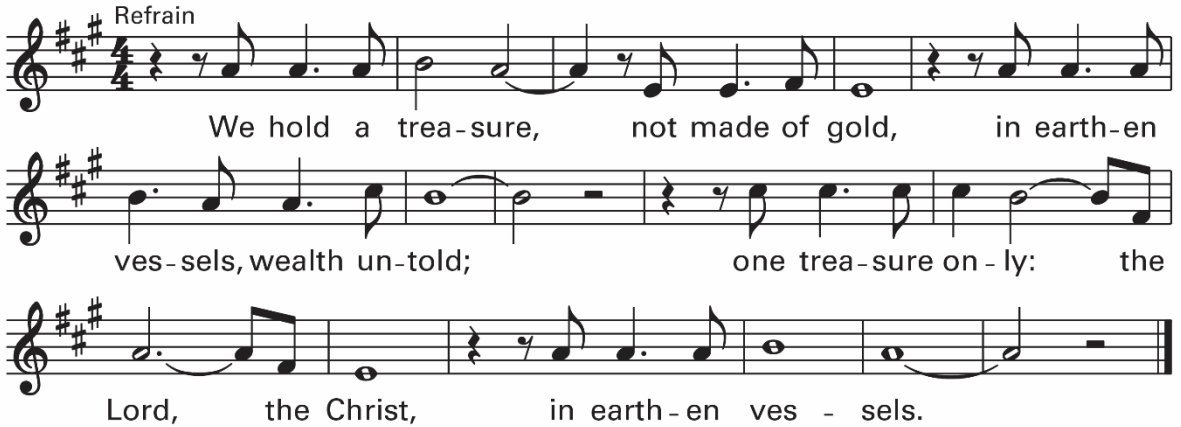


What you have heard in the dark _____ pro - claim in the light; _____ what you



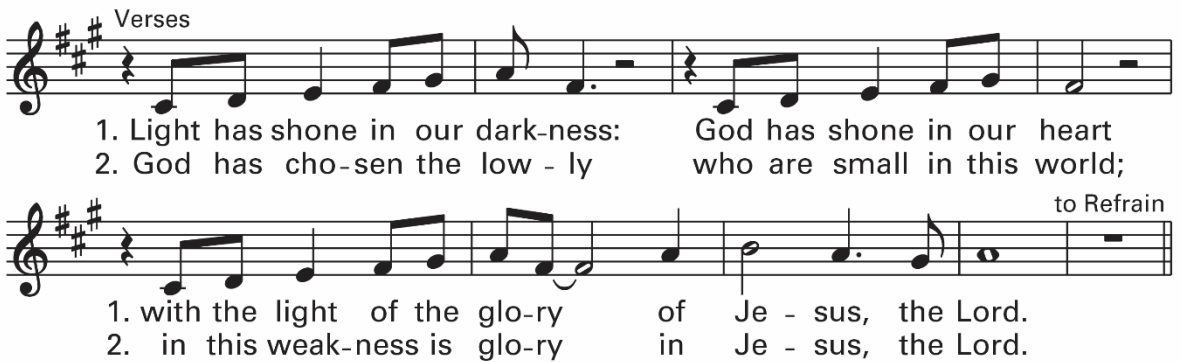
hear in whis - pers _____ pro - claim from the house - tops.

Refrain



We hold a trea-sure, not made of gold, in earth-en
ves-sels, wealth un-told; one trea-sure on - ly: the
Lord, the Christ, in earth-en ves - sels.

Verses



1. Light has shone in our dark-ness: God has shone in our heart
2. God has cho-sen the low - ly who are small in this world;
to Refrain
1. with the light of the glo-ry of Je - sus, the Lord.
2. in this weak-ness is glo-ry in Je - sus, the Lord.

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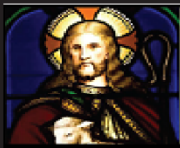
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