

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 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			
September 7, 2025		September 14, 2025	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song *(10am Service)*

"We Gather Here In Christ Set Free"
(please stand as you are able)

(see page 10)

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.

**Direct us, O Lord God,
in all our doings with your continual help,
that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name; and finally,
by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.***

(please be seated)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the LORD commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 139 responsively by half verse

- ¹ LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
**you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- ² You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- ⁴ You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- ¹² For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹³ I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- ¹⁴ My body was not hidden from you, *
**while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- ¹⁵ Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
**they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.**
- ¹⁶ How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- ¹⁷ If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Gospel Acclamation:

“Alleluia”

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(10AM Service only)

(please stand as you are able)



The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not turn from father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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 Sunday School Children Return: (10AM Service)

"Children Are a Gift from Heaven"

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Chil - dren are a gift from hea - ven, each soul trust - ing and u -

nique; God's ex - am - ple of faith's jour - ney for all peo - ple who will

seek. Chil - dren are a price - less trea - sure, sent from hea - ven like a

dove; po - e - try yet to be writ - ten, they bring laugh - ter, joy, and love!

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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The Announcements *(please be seated)*

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Song: *(10AM Service)*

“Go Light Your World”

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Chris Rice



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)

"Take Up Your Cross"

(see page 11)

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)

"One World"

(see page 8-9)

"One World"

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♩ = 125

D A sus4/C# G A

5 D A sus4/C# G A

I'm go-nna take care of the world I'm in, look-ing af-ter eve-ry-thing, the
I'm go-nna take on-ly the things I need, look-ing af-ter eve-ry-thing, I'll

9 D A sus4/C# G A

trees in the field, the birds in the sky that sing, what a world we're liv-ing in!
try not to waste, I'll ne-ver give in to greed, so there'll be more for eve-ry-one.

13 G Bm D/F# G

I'm - go-nna try to love the world, and treat it kind-ly,

17 Bm A sus4 A

I'm go-nna care all of my life-. We've got

21 D Em G A sus4 A D

one world, one chance, let's play our part, we'll be bring-ers of hope, one world,

26 Em G A sus4 A

one chance, let's play our part, we'll be bring-ers of hope to our world

29 D Em G A

33 G Bm D/F# G

I'm - go-nna try _____ to love the world, and treat it kind-ly, _____

37 Bm A sus4 A

I'm _____ go - nna care _____ all of my life - . We've got

41 D Em G A sus4 A

one world, one chance, let's play our part, we'll be bring-ers of hope,

45 D Em G A sus4 A

one world, one chance, let's play our part, we'll be bring-ers of hope, we've got

49 D Em G A sus4 A

one world, one chance, let's play our part, we'll be bring-ers of hope,

53 D Em G A sus4 A

one world, one chance, let's play our part, we'll be bring-ers of hope to our world

57 D Em G A sus4 A

bring - ers of hope _____ to our world

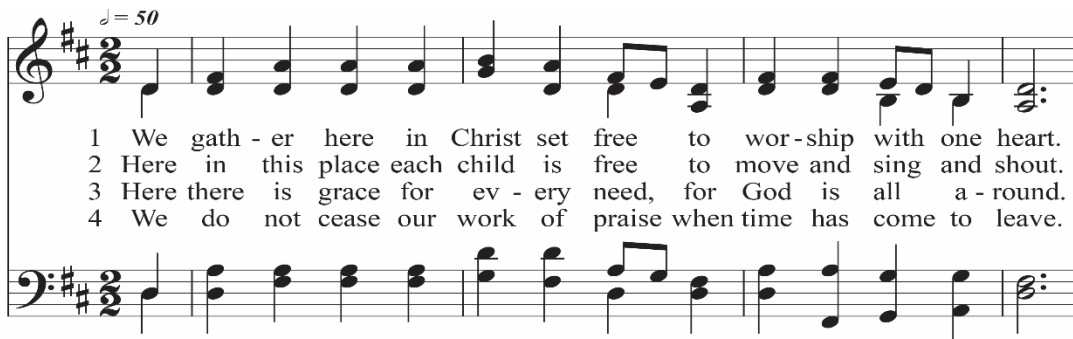
61 D Em G A sus4 A D

_____ bring - ers of hope to our world

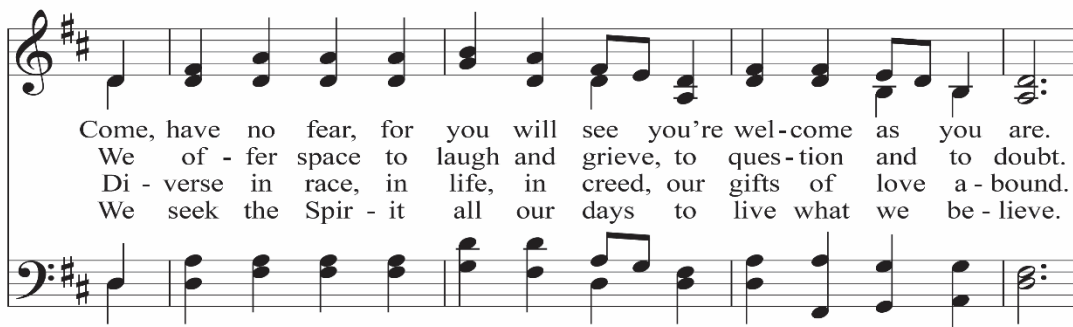
“We Gather Here In Christ Set Free”

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1 We gath - er here in Christ set free to wor - ship with one heart.
 2 Here in this place each child is free to move and sing and shout.
 3 Here there is grace for ev - ery need, for God is all a - round.
 4 We do not cease our work of praise when time has come to leave.



Come, have no fear, for you will see you're wel - come as you are.
 We of - fer space to laugh and grieve, to ques - tion and to doubt.
 Di - verse in race, in life, in creed, our gifts of love a - bound.
 We seek the Spir - it all our days to live what we be - lieve.

Refrain



We gath - er here through love di - vine that wel - comes one and all.

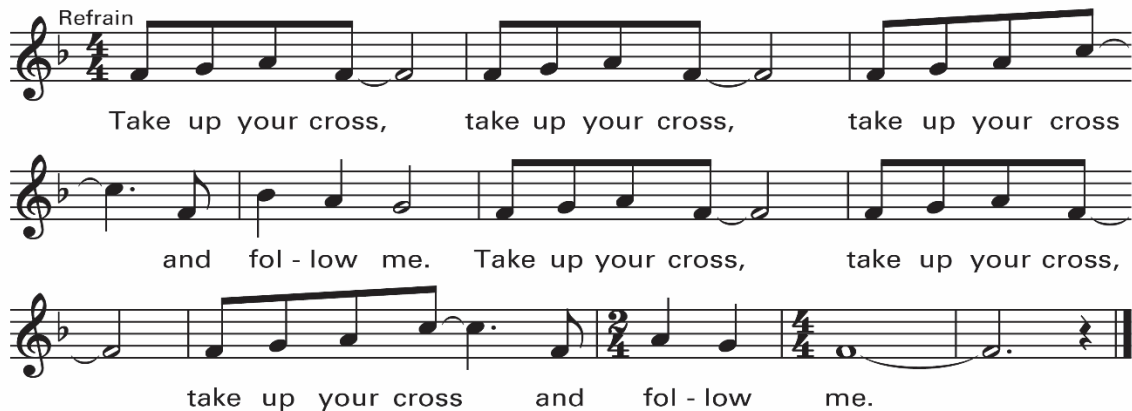


We go to live by God's de - sign and fol - low Je - sus' call.

"Take Up Your Cross"

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Refrain



Take up your cross, take up your cross, take up your cross
and fol - low me. Take up your cross, take up your cross,
take up your cross and fol - low me.

Verse 1



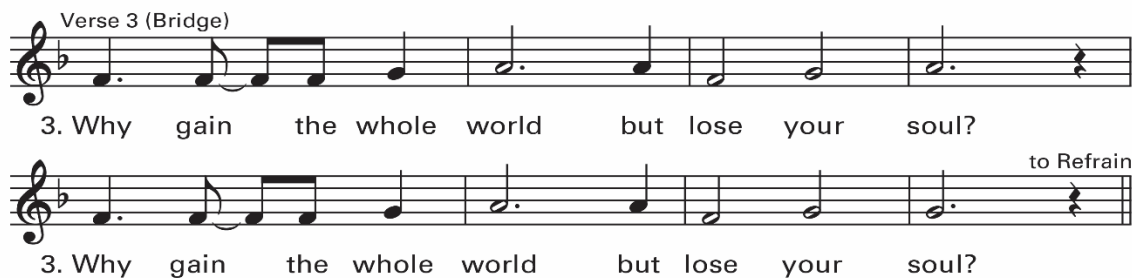
1. Who - ev - er wish - es to come af - ter me must de - ny him -
1. self; who - ev - er wish - es to come af - ter me must
to Refrain

Verse 2



2. Who - ev - er wish - es to save his life will lose it,
2. who - ev - er los - es his life for my sake will find it.

Verse 3 (Bridge)



3. Why gain the whole world but lose your soul?
3. Why gain the whole world but lose your soul?

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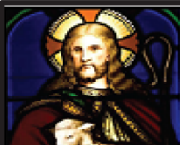
We're loving, caring, community inspiring.
Nurturing, family, with respect and trust.
The Good Shepherd is all these things, believers of the truth.
Welcoming, and all-inclusive.

We're outreaching, united, we're joyful, we're alive!
Friendly, accepting, committed, spiritual.
The Good Shepherd is all these things, believers of the truth.
Welcoming, and all-inclusive.

Keep on living, loving, all that you meet.
A command we were given to follow.
If you want to find the truth be sure, you don't look very far.
You'll find the truth is waiting in your heart.

Good Shepherd, Good Shepherd, what must I do?
There's so many ways that life can be so hard.
We are the Church of the Good Shepherd!
We're gonna let our love shine, on all it can find.
And we're praying for world peace and love.

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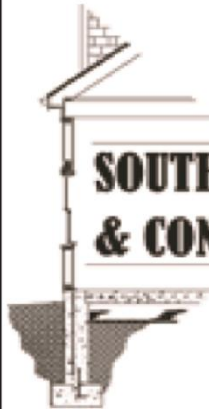


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