

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

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, usually 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.

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 will be closed March 22 & 29.**

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			
March 22, 2026		March 29, 2026	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song
(10am Service)

“Turn Our Hearts Around”
(please stand as you are able)

(see page 9)

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People: **God’s mercy endures forever.**

The Service Introduction

The Confession *(8am Service only)*

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,
breathe upon us the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to a new life in Jesus
and serve you faithfully every day,
through Jesus Christ, your son,
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 *(8am Service only)*

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:1-12 (*8am Service only*)

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 147 responsively by half verse

- ¹ How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- ² The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- ³ He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- ⁴ He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
- ⁵ Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- ⁶ The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- ⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- ⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
- ⁹ He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- ¹⁰ He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- ¹¹ He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- ¹² But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 *(8am Service only)*

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

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

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

(please be seated)

The Announcements

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Song:

"Hands Of Healing"

(see page 10)

(10AM Service)



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 *(8am Service only)*

Presider & People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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)

"Christ In Me Arise"

(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)

"This Little Light Of Mine"

(see page 8)

"This Little Light Of Mine"

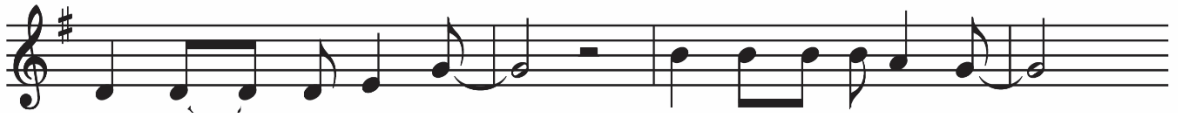
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1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
3. Je - sus gave it to me; I'm gon-na let it shine.



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1-3. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

REFRAIN



Turn our hearts a-round. Turn our hearts a - round.



Flood our souls com-plete - ly, wash us in your love.



Turn our hearts a-round. Turn our hearts a - round.



Hold us in your mer-cy, change us with your love.

VERSES 1-3



1. We cry out _____ for you to heal and to set us free.
2. We have wan - dered _____ and lost our way in life's wil - der - ness.
3. We have hun - gered _____ for man - y things that are not from you.



1.-3. Bring us back. Turn our hearts a - round.

VERSES 4-6



4. We are temp - ted and we are fooled by sin's beau - ti - ful dis - guise.
5. We have stum - bled a - long the path when we walk a - lone. _____
6. You have prom - ised and yet we doubt your _____ faith - ful word. _____



4.-6. Bring us back. Turn our hearts a - round.

“Hands Of Healing”

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Refrain*



Let our hands be hands of heal-ing, let our words be clear and true,



In our work, God's love re-veal-ing, just and gen-tle in all we do.

Verses



1. Safe - ly lead the young ones:
2. Free the ones in bond - age:
3. Touch the ones who sor - row: hands of heal - ing,
4. May we al - ways be your



bring your joy and laugh - ter:
bring the reign of new hope:
hope be - yond all griev - ing: clear and true;
make us in your im - age:



sing the God of chil - dren:
sing the God of free - dom:
sing the God of mer - cy: love re - veal - ing,
give us voice to praise you:



just and gen - tle in all we do.

**May be sung in canon.*

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"Christ In Me Arise"

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Refrain



Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark - ness.



Christ in me a - rise with your pow - er and your strength.



Christ in me pour out your bless - ing and heal - ing.



Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you.

Verses



1. Be now my vi - sion; o - pen these eyes, show - ing me
2. Be now my foot - steps, lead - ing the way, tak - ing me



1. all that I must see. }
2. where I must go. } On - ward to the king - dom,



1, 2. you are the way. A - rise in me and I shall rise with you.

Bridge



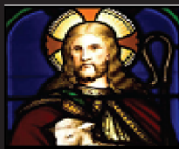
You know my heart and you know my ways, you who



formed me in my moth - er's womb. I live and move in you,



my whole be - ing thrives in you.



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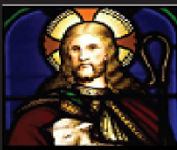


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