

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 7th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026



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by Judy Govoni**

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!

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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 not be open May 24, due to the holiday weekend.**

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			
May 17, 2026		May 24, 2026	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
<p><u>READERS:</u> JANET DRUM</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTER:</u> KAREN CLARK</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> MICHELLE MURRAY</p>	<p><u>READERS:</u> CECILY KOST JO-ANN FINN</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> DAN ANNA & BECKY HANSEN</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> JUDY ELLIS</p> <p><u>NURSERY MINISTERS:</u> ELIZABETH MANDELL & ANDREA LAMONTAGNE</p> <p><u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S):</u> NO COFFEE HOUR</p> <p><u>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS</u> VIVI MARTY-PAQUIN & KARIN RECUPERO</p>	<p><u>READERS:</u> CHUCK MCCULLOUGH</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTER:</u> RICH SOUZA</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> NATECIA ALFONSO</p>	<p><u>READERS:</u> S.G. PRESTON SCOOTER HOLCOMBE</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> PAT PROBERT & RICHIE BALANCA</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> RICH ELLIS</p> <p><u>NURSERY MINISTERS:</u> NO NURSERY</p> <p><u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S):</u> THE PRESTONS & THE WALLACES</p> <p><u>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS</u> NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song
(10am Service)

“Many And One”
(please stand as you are able)

(see page 10)

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Service Introduction

The Confession

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.

**O God of glory,
unite us with Christ and each other,
that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1, 3-10, 33-36

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 66 responsively by half verse

- ¹ Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- ³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- ⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- ⁵ Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- ⁶ God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- ⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- ⁸ The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- ⁹ You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- ¹⁰ Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- ³³ Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- ³⁴ He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- ³⁵ Ascribe power to God; *
**his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.**
- ³⁶ How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
**the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!**

Gospel Acclamation: "Eastertide Gospel Acclamation"

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(please stand as you are able)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Je - sus, ris - en Lord of life!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Acclamation (10AM Service)

Repeat Gospel Acclamation Refrain once (page 4)

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 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 image shows a musical score for the song "Children Are a Gift from Heaven". It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one sharp. The second staff has a measure rest at the beginning. The third staff has a measure rest at the beginning. The fourth staff has a measure rest at the beginning and ends with a double bar line.

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The Announcements

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Song:
(10AM Service)

“We Are One”

(see page 11)



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:

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: "That All May Be One In Christ" (see page 12)
(10AM Service)

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. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Concluding Song: "Hallelujah Is Our Song" (see page 9)
(10AM Service)

"Hallelujah Is Our Song"

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Verses
 1. What hope we have, e - ven in the long - est
 2. What peace we have, e - ven in this wound - ed
 3. What joy we have, for the stone is rolled a -
 4. What hope we have, e - ven in the long - est



1. night, for the light will o - ver - come.
 2. world where the bat - tle rag - es on.
 3. way and the tomb holds noth - ing now.
 4. night, for the light will o - ver - come.



1. We will not fear, † for we know the
 2. We will not fear, † for we know who
 3. No sting of death, no pow - er o - ver
 4. And we shall live; † sin - ners, we will



1st time to Verse 2

1. sun will rise.
 2. heals our souls.
 3. sin or grave.
 4. rise to saints. } Hal - le - lu - jah is our song.



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! He is ris - en



o - ver all. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -



lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah is our song.

"Many And One"

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Refrain



We are man - y, yet we are one. We are sep -
- 'rate, yet bound in his love. And to-geth - er we are all his
hands and his feet, bring-ing mer - cy and peace
to this world. We are man - y and one.

Verses



1. We are fall - en but we are for - giv - en;
2. We are dif - f'rent as morn-ing and eve - ning,
3. We are broth - ers and sis - ters in spir - it,
1. bro - ken and scat - tered, yet be - ing made whole
2. each of us liv - ing as we have been called,
3. found in all na - tions yet near to the Lord,
1. by our re-deem - er, one Lord and one sav - ior,
2. all of us seek - ing, — each of us reach-ing to
3. each one be-long - ing, to - geth - er now long-ing for
1-3. the shep-herd who gath-ers us all, gath-ers us all. to Refrain

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"We Are One"

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CHORUS 1



Let us draw near to each oth - er, we are one, we are one. We are all sis - ters ar



broth - ers tell - ing sto - ries of our Fa - ther's love.

CHORUS 2



Let us draw near to each oth - er, we are one, we are one. We are all sis - ters a



broth - ers at the feast of our Fa - ther's love.

CHORUS 3



Let us draw near to each oth - er, we are one, we are one. We are all sis - ters and



broth - ers liv - ing free in our Fa - ther's love.

CHORUS 4



Let us draw near to each oth - er, we are one, we are one. We are all sis - ters and



broth - ers warm - ing hands by the fire of His love.

Repeat CHORUS 1 two times

"That All May Be One In Christ"

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Refrain

O God, make us one as we come to the
 ta - ble, one in Spir - it and in truth. Now you have
 giv - en us bread for the world, that all may be
 one in Christ and all may be one in you.

Verses

1. God, Cre - a - tor of us all, you have
 2. God, you sent your on - ly Son, to be -
 3. God, you breathe up - on the earth. Send your

1. called us each by name. Man - y fac - es,
 2. come the Sav - ior of the world. Feed us with the
 3. Spir - it in - to our lives. Change our hearts to

1. some that are new, make us one in you.
 2. Bread of Life; make us one in Christ.
 3. fash - ion a - new the love we find in you.

to Refrain



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