

# The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026



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## 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. ***The Sunday School is closed for the season.***

### 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 season.***

For more information about our Good Shepherd Community please go to our website at [www.goodshepherdwareham.org](http://www.goodshepherdwareham.org) or scan the QR Code here.



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

| ASSISTING MINISTERS                                 |                                                                        |                                                         |                                                                        |
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| July 12, 2026                                       |                                                                        | July 19, 2026                                           |                                                                        |
| 8AM                                                 | 10AM                                                                   | 8AM                                                     | 10AM                                                                   |
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|                                                     | <b><u>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:</u></b><br>NO SUNDAY                     |                                                         | <b><u>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:</u></b><br>NO SUNDAY                     |



## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The Gathering Song**  
*(10am Service)*

**"Give Us Your Peace"**  
*(please stand as you are able)*

*(see page 9)*

**The Opening Acclamation**

*Presider:* Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

*People:* **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

**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.

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word.  
By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy,  
live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## **First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13**

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 65:9-14

*Reader:* Let us recite Psalm 65 responsively by half verse

- <sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
**the river of God is full of water.**
- <sup>10</sup> You prepare the grain, \*  
**for so you provide for the earth.**
- <sup>11</sup> You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
**with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**
- <sup>12</sup> You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**
- <sup>13</sup> May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
**and the hills be clothed with joy.**
- <sup>14</sup> May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
**let them shout for joy and sing.**

**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: Matthew 13:1-9**

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

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*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.**

*(please be seated)*

## **The Announcements**

### **Our Sunday Offerings:**

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**The Offertory Anthem:**  
*(10AM Service)*

**"The Sower And The Seed"**

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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)*

**"Be Still And Know"**

*(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)*

**"Tend The Ground"**

*(see page 8)*

# "Tend The Ground"

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Refrain



We till the earth, we tend the ground, sow-ing  
hope and peace where none is found. In self-less love  
God's life a-bounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.

Verses



1. As God pro - vides our ev - ery need, with grate - ful
2. All crea - tures share one com - mon home, one lov - ing
3. Where hard - ened hearts have turned to greed, tram - pling up -
4. On rock - y paths and trod - den roads, Lord, clear the
5. Let mer - cy fall on us like rain to clear the



1. hearts, let us re - ceive these gifts of love, and make re -
2. God, one song of hope. The rocks cry out and prais - es
3. on the fledg - ling seed, help us to tend to oth - ers'
4. ground where thorns have grown. Give us the grace to fol - low
5. air and heal the pain. Where sin has bro - ken bonds of

to Refrain



1. turn to bless the world, to bless the world.
2. ring, rise up and sing, rise up and sing!
3. needs, o - pen our eyes, o - pen our eyes.
4. you. Make straight the way, make straight the way.
5. love let mer - cy reign, let mer - cy reign.

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# "Give Us Your Peace"

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**Refrain**



Give us your peace, O God; give us your peace,  
 your peace. Give us your peace, O God;  
 give us your peace, your peace.

**Verses**



1. When we're a - fraid, run - ning from truth,  
 2. When we are tired, wea - ry, and worn,  
 3. Lord, we be - long to you a - lone;

1. gath - er us back to you. ♪ Take ev - ery fear  
 2. take us in - to your arms, where there is no need,  
 3. show us the way back home ♪ in - to your light,

1. and fill our hearts. }  
 2. there is no want. } Give us your peace, O God.  
 3. in - to your love. }

to Refrain

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# "Be Still And Know"

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**Refrain**

Be still and know that I am; be still and know  
that I am; be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am; be still and know  
that I am; be still and know that I am God. *to Verses/Bridge*

**Verses**

1. ♯ When the storms sur-round you, on - ly the rain  
2. I am the voice in - side you, the love that al -

1. has found you: } be still and know that I am God.  
2. - ways finds you; }

1. ♯ When the dark is fall - ing, lis - ten and hear  
2. I am the light to fol - low, my peace will still

*to Refrain*

1. me call - ing: } be still and know that I am God.  
2. your sor - row; }

## Bridge

Ascend to the depths with me,  
breathe in eternity;  
for in you I dwell,  
the eternal well of my love.

So do not fear the quiet;  
my voice is in the silence.  
Be still and know that I am God. **(to Refrain)**

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