

The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026



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In Loving Memory of Theodore H. Barth
by The Good Shepherd's Table**

Pastor Dan Bernier will be away this weekend

The Priest will be Reverend Sue Lederhouse

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. ***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 or scan the QR Code here.



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

ASSISTING MINISTERS			
July 19, 2026		July 26, 2026	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
READERS: KAREN CLARK HOSPITALITY MINISTER: RICH SOUZA EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: NATECIA ALFOSNO	READERS: JUDY GOVONI S.G. PRESTON HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: PAT PROBERT & RICHIE BALANCA EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: SHERYL FACCHETTI NURSERY MINISTERS: NO NURSERY COFFEE HOUR HOST(S): THE GOOD AND GREEN TEAM SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	READERS: JOELLA CRUZ HOSPITALITY MINISTER: CHUCK MCCULLOUGH EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: CHERYL DENTON	READERS: BECKY RYDER JAN BARTON HOSPITALITY MINISTERS: DAN ANNA & BECKY HANSEN EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: KATHY DOYLE NURSERY MINISTERS: NO NURSERY COFFEE HOUR HOST(S): TBD SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song
(10am Service)

"Our God Is Here"
(please stand as you are able)

(see page 10)

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.

**Faithful and merciful God,
you care for your children with compassion.
By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom,
that we may be rooted in the way of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(please be seated)

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

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.
- ⁶ Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- ⁸ If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- ⁹ Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- ¹⁰ If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- ¹¹ Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- ²² Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- ²³ Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation:

"Alleluia"

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(10AM Service only)

(please stand as you are able)



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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. 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 4)

Song: "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" **verse 1** (see page 11)

The Message *(please be seated)*

Song: "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" **verse 2 & 3** (see page 11)

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)

“Plow Your Row”

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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)

"High Above Our Way"

(see page 12)

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)

"Rain Down"

(see page 9)

"Rain Down"

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Refrain

Rain down, rain down, rain down your

love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.

Verses

1. Faith-ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's

2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the

3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the

1. works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the

2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from

3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your

1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.

2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.

3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

to Refrain

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"Our God Is Here"

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Verses

1. Here in this time, here in this place,
 2. Here in the Word, God is re-vealed,

1. here we are stand - ing face to face. Here in our hearts,
 2. here where the wound - ed can be healed. Here in our hearts,

1. here in our lives, our God is here.
 2. here in our lives, our God is here.

1. Here for the bro - ken, here for the strong,
 2. Here we be-come what we re-ceive,

1. here in this tem - ple we be-long. Here in our hearts,
 2. here in this Eu - cha - ris - tic feast. We are his bod -

1. here in our lives, our God is here.
 2. - y, liv - ing as one; our God is here.

Refrain

And we cry: "Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly are
 you!" We cry: "Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly and
 true!" A - men, we do be-lieve our God is here.

1, 2 Our God is here. 2 1: to Verse 2

Verse 1 before the Message verses 2 & 3 after the Message

1. We are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der,
2. Ev'-ry round goes high-er, high-er,
3. If you love Him why not serve Him,

We are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der;
Ev'-ry round goes high-er, high-er;
If you love Him why not serve Him;

We are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der,
Ev'-ry round goes high-er, high-er,
If you love Him why not serve Him.

Peo-ple of the cross,
Peo-ple of the cross,
Peo-ple of the cross,

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

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"High Above Our Way"

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Verses

1, 4. There's a love that is great - er than my own; there's a
 2. There's a mer - cy that's wid - er than my own; there's a
 3. There is wa - ter for ev - ery thirst - y soul; there is

1, 4. spir - it that brings me back to life. There's a
 2. hope ev - ery sin - ner can be saved. There's a
 3. bread that will tru - ly sat - is - fy. There's a

1, 4. seed that's been plant - ed in my soul that can
 2. pow - er that rolls a - way the stone that is
 3. seed that's been plant - ed in my soul that can

1: to Vs. 2
 2-4: to Refrain

1, 4. on - ly grow in the light of Christ.
 2. on - ly found in the light of Christ.
 3. on - ly grow in the light of Christ.

Refrain

High a - bove our way is the mind of God, love much great - er
 than my own. In - to your hands I com - mend
 my life; true love is found in Christ a - lone.

1: to Vs. 3
 2: to Bridge

Bridge

All you who wan - der, come and see. All you
 who la - bor, come find peace. Lay down your bur -
 - den and be free; come to the Lord.

(to Verse 4)



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